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Gov. Bill Anoatubby, center, is joined by tribal officials in a ribbon cutting ceremony dedicating the new compressed natural gas (CNG) fueling station May 11 in Ada. From left, Chickasaw Nation Division of Commerce Chief Strategic Development Officer Brian Campbell; Division of Commerce Administrator Bill Lance; Pontotoc District legislator Nancy Elliott; former Assistant U.S. Secretary of Interior and Oklahoma Secretary of Transportation Neal McCaleb; Gov. Anoatubby; Lt. Gov. Jefferson Keel; Pontotoc District legislator Mary Jo Green; and special assistant to the Governor Kennedy Brown. Mike McKee

Tribe dedicates CNG station

ADA, Okla. - Governor Bill Anoatubby was joined May 11 by more than 100 tribal officials, citizens, employees and guests during dedication of the new tribal compressed natural gas (CNG) fueling station. The station is located at the Ada Travel Plaza, 201 Latta Road.

The first tribally-owned CNG station in Oklahoma is open to the public for fleet and privately-owned vehicles.

The station is part of the tribe's effort to conserve energy. Conversion of the tribal fleet to CNG-fueled vehicles is being phased in.

Gov. Anoatubby described the station as a "milestone" for the tribe.

"This is a significant step toward realizing the many benefits which will result from the widespread use of natural gas," said Gov Anoatubby. "CNG not only lowers the cost of fuel and maintenance, it is better for the environment, boosts the Oklahoma economy and moves the U.S. closer to energy independence."

With much lower fuel costs, lower emissions, decreased maintenance costs and an abundant supply of natural

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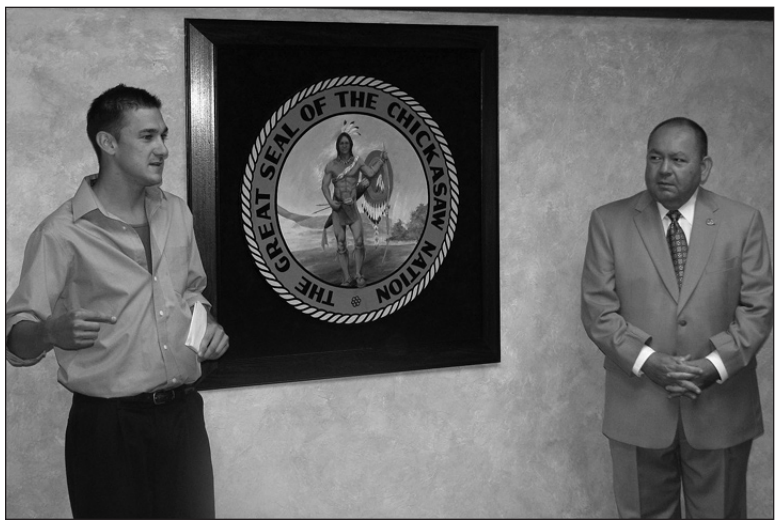
Marathon man



Gov. Bill Anoatubby joins Oklahoma City Memorial Marathon winner Josh Stewart as Mr. Stewart shares his experience with the Chickasaw Nation leadership team of administrators.

ADA, Okla. - Chickasaw runner Josh Stewart says he doesn't like to waste time in the gym. He spends quite a bit of time there, but that time is definitely not wasted.

Mr. Stewart is doing hundreds of pull ups, followed by hundreds of pushups and thousands of turns of the jump rope. He also runs more than 100 miles each week.

"We'll go in the weight room – everyone will be in there working on their 'glory muscles' – curl and bench and all that," Mr. Stewart said with a grin. "I'm in there sweating, killing myself. No rest. Just maxing out on whatever it is. I get after it usually, wherever I'm

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Overton 'Buck' Cheadle dies at 91

Overton Martin Cheadle, a former Chickasaw tribal council member and legislator, and a man who had profound effect on young people, died May 13, 2010 at age 91. Funeral services were May 21, 2010 at the Chickasaw Community Center, Ada, Okla. Burial followed in Condon Grove Cemetery, between Tishomingo and Milburn, Okla.

The Chickasaw Honor Guard served as pall bearers and bestowed military honors.

Overton "Buck" Cheadle

Mr. Cheadle served on the Chickasaw tribal council from 1975 to 1979, and as a member of the Chickasaw Tribal Legislature until 1986. He served as legislative chairman for three years.

Mr. Cheadle was a gradu-

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at – running or in the weight room. If I do it, I'm at my best, because I don't want to waste my time. "

All that time and sweat is spent in pursuit of faster marathon times. And the work has paid off.

Mr. Stewart, 22, averaged slightly less than six minutes per mile for 26.2 miles on his way to winning the 2010 Oklahoma City Memorial Marathon in April.

His winning time was 2 hours, 34 minutes, 26 seconds. Over 19,000 runners competed in the race.

It was only the second marathon for Stewart. He took second place in the Oklahoma City Memorial Marathon in 2009.

"Josh is a remarkable athlete," said Gov. Bill Anoatubby. "This kind of accomplishment not only shows incredible talent, it is great evidence of his tenacity, perseverance and strong work ethic."

Even more impressive, perhaps, is the fact that Mr. Stewart ran most of the race on an injured knee.

He injured his knee about four weeks prior to the race, which forced him to cut back on training. The injury started causing pain about a third of the way into the race.

"By mile eight it got to hurting really bad," he said. "But, I already had my mind made up I was going to try to do this even if it fell off."

Mr. Stewart has competed in track and cross country at Byng (OK) High School, East Central (OK) University and Cameron (OK) University.

He graduated from Cameron University in May and will begin work on his master's degree in sports administration at East Central University while also working as a graduate assistant coach for the cross country team.

If he recovers sufficiently from his injury, he will compete in his third marathon this fall. He plans to begin training soon for the Nov. 21 Williams Route 66 Marathon in Tulsa.

"If I stay healthy, this summer I plan to do 120 miles a week," Mr. Stewart said. "Around September, if I can get some 140s, that would be pretty ideal, but I have a hard time staying healthy."

A strong finish in Tulsa would put him on track to a major goal - qualifying for the Olympic time trials.

"You have to hit 2:19 flat (two hours, 19 minutes), to qualify for the trials," he said. "We're hoping to break 2:25 at Tulsa. If that happens, we'll be perfectly on track and ready to go."

If things go as planned in Tulsa, Mr. Stewart plans to cut back on the number of miles to focus on shorter distances. This type of training regimen will enable him to strive for personal records in the 5-kilometer and 10-kilometer distances, while allowing his body to recuperate.

By May 2011, he plans to begin training for another marathon.

He and his coach are considering the Boston, New York or Chicago marathons.

"We haven't decided yet, really," he said. "But depending on how healthy my training goes, we'll pick out one and see if we can't hit that (Olympic qualifying) time.

Chickasaw runner Josh Stewart as he wins the OKC Memorial Marathon.
Photo courtesy of John Clanton, The Oklahoman

If so, Mr. Stewart plans to compete in Olympic time trials Jan. 14, 2012 in Houston. The top three finishers there will qualify for the 2012 Olympics in London.

Mr. Stewart said he believed he had a better chance of making the 2016 Olympics, because "usually people don't start running really good marathons until about 30."

Josh Stewart is the son of Robbie Shumard, of Ada, and the grandson of Douglas Hatton. His great-grandmother is the late Lena Hatton and his great-great-grandmother is the late Nanny Wade.

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gas in U.S., CNG is gaining popularity. However, a sparsity of CNG fueling stations is a concern. Prior to the opening of the station in Ada, the nearest CNG fueling stations were in Pauls Valley and Shawnee.

The "fast fill" station enables drivers to fuel vehicles in about the same amount of time required to fuel a gasoline-powered vehicle.

During the event, Chickasaw citizen Neal McCaleb, a former Assistant U.S. Secretary of Interior and Oklahoma Secretary of Transportation, demonstrated the fueling.

"The bottom line is the Chickasaw Nation is on the cutting edge of leadership," Mr. McCaleb said. "CNG is good for the nation, it's good for Oklahoma and it's good for the Chickasaws."

CONTRIBUTED BY Sharmina Manandhar, tribal media relations.

About Compressed Natural Gas (CNG)

Compressed Natural Gas fuel burns clean with very low CO2 and NO2 emissions. It is also very economical with fuel costs about one-half or less that of gasoline-powered vehicles. There is an abundant natural gas supply in the U.S., reducing U.S. dependence on foreign oil.

The fuel can be used in a dedicated natural gas vehicle or a conventional gasoline or diesel vehicle retro-fitted for CNG. CNG-powered vehicles have lower maintenance costs due to the cleaner combustion. An estimated 110,000 vehicles in U.S. are powered with CNG.

Summer Film Series scheduled

TISHOMINGO, Okla. - The Chickasaw Nation Council House Museum is presenting its Summer Film Series for children. Native American-themed films are scheduled for June 18, July 23 and August 13.

"This series is intended to give the children a glimpse into Native American history," said Flora Fink, curator manager at the museum. "It also familiarizes them with the museum environment."

Films set to be shown include "Education of Little Tree," "Rain in the Mountains," "Spirit," "The Treasure of Manhattan Island" and "Indian in the Cupboard."

Shows will begin at 1 p.m. each day and popcorn and drinks will be served.

The movies will be presented in the gallery of the Council House Museum, located at 209 N. Fisher in Tishomingo.

For more information, contact Flora Fink at (580) 371-3351.

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YOU are invited to the 50th Annual Meeting in September!

GOV. BILL ANOATUBBY

Governor, the Chickasaw Nation

The year 2010 is flying by.

We are now entering the sixth month of the year and it seems as if just a few weeks ago we were shoveling snow from our sidewalks.

You are now receiving your official reminder to make your plans to be in Tishomingo Sept. 25 through Oct. 2 to attend the 50th Annual Meeting and Chickasaw Festival!

This year marks the 50th anniversary of our very first Annual Meeting. That event was at historic Seeley Chapel, about 20 miles south of our tribal headquarters in Ada.

Approximately 100 Chickasaws attended that first Annual Meeting. It was the small and unpretentious beginning of a very special and meaningful event that now attracts thousands of Chickasaws and friends annually to Tishomingo.

All the events associated with our Annual Meeting and Festival today stretch out over one week. There are so many things to do and see, any less time could not accommodate the schedule.

Back in 1960, everything was done in a day. What a big change over the past 50 years!

This year, we begin Annual Meeting and Festival on Sept. 25 with a full schedule of sporting events including Junior Olympics, Senior Olympics, our annual golf tournament and the co-ed slow pitch softball tournament.

Monday is set aside for the Chickasaw Princess Pageant in Ada. From Tuesday through Friday we enjoy cultural demonstrations, cultural tours, the Youthful Celebration, kids' activities tent and the petting zoo.

Tuesday, Sept. 28 is the popular Cultural Evening at Kullihoma, and Thursday, Sept. 30 features the Arts & Culture Awards followed by the artists' reception.

The unique and wonderful Southeastern Art Show and Market begins Friday, Oct. 1, and the Johnston County Riding Club Rodeo is the evening entertainment.

Saturday, Oct. 2 is the biggest day of all. Following the State of the Nation address at 9 a.m., the Chickasaw Traditional Meal is served and everyone enjoys the annual parade in downtown Tishomingo.

There are so many things to enjoy Saturday! Stickball demonstrations, the Chickasaw Dance Troupe and cultural demonstrations all are present on the grounds of the historic Chickasaw capitol. Arts and crafts vendors line Pennington Park and the "battle of the bands" Band Day extravaganza plays out at Tishomingo High School.

There is so much more, including tours of our new Chickasaw Cultural Center in Sulphur and the Chickasaw White House in Emet.

There is something to do every day, and you will connect with so many Chickasaws and friends. This is a very special opportunity to learn so much about your tribe, your people and your heritage.

That's a lot of information designed to say – We want to see you at the 50th Annual Meeting and Chickasaw Festival!

You will never regret making this special trip and immersing yourself in Chickasaw culture, history and lifestyle.

Remember, the 50th Annual Meeting and Festival begins Saturday, Sept. 25 and continues through Saturday, Oct. 2. Make your plans today. We would love to see you!

Lighthorse SWAT team to compete in national tourney

Lighthorse Sgt. Robby Williams

Lighthorse Officer Gary Dodd

The Chickasaw Nation Lighthorse Police Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT) team is taking aim at the U.S. National SWAT Championships.

Ten officers will compete in the national tournament, set for June 21-26 in Tulsa.

The team recently competed and placed in its first state competition. The team was invited to attend the nationwide event, said Sgt. Robby Williams, Lighthorse Police SWAT team member.

"SWAT teams from all over the state competed in four events which included two-gun shoot, sniper shooting, obstacle course and hostage rescue," he said.

The state event was May 5 in Edmond, Okla. Williams placed third in sniper shooting and officer Gary Dodd placed second in the two-gun event.

Overall, Lighthorse ranked sixth in the statewide competition.

Lighthorse was the sole tribal police department represented at the state competition.

Team members have been practicing at least twice a week to prepare for the week-long national competition.

"Most of the training we do is voluntary," said Sgt. Williams, "and the additional training makes better police officers.

"We also see how our training measures up with other departments around the country."

Officer Dodd, the team leader, said the team had been diligently training for four months.

"We are real proud of our team, he said.

"The competition puts officers' skills to the test and lets us focus on where we need additional training."

Lighthorse SWAT team members are patrol officers Justin Smith, Michael Holloway and Andy Hill; K-9 officers Jeremy Spradlin, Alyson Orr and Terry Laxton; DARE officer Brent Harper; and patrol sergeants Robby Williams and Phillip Wood. K-9 officer Clint Sutton is the assistant team leader, and team commander is Major George Jesse.

Last year, more than 400 officers from around the world participated in the National SWAT competition.

For more information about Lighthorse Police, visit www.chickasaw.net.

CONTRIBUTED BY Dana Lance, tribal media relations.

About SWAT

SWAT is an acronym developed for the first police tactical team, which was established by the Los Angeles Police Department in 1963. SWAT was developed to enhance the ability of police to respond to an increasingly violent and well-armed criminal element.

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Teaching of Chickasaw heritage keeps bringing man home

Evolution of Annual Meeting means more Chickasaws, more culture

Chickasaw citizen Jeremy Wallace demonstrates a traditional craft.

Jeremy Wallace grew up attending Chickasaw Nation Annual Meetings.

In fact, he has just missed one Annual Meeting in 34 years.

This year, as the Chickasaw Nation gathers for the 50th Annual Meeting Saturday, Oct. 2 in Tishomingo, Okla., Mr. Wallace, as always, will be on hand, eager to share Chickasaw culture and history with the world.

The Ada resident counts remembrances of Annual Meetings as some of his earliest childhood memories.

Even before he could walk, his mother and father, Joe and Hazel Wallace, taught him traditional Chickasaw and Choctaw songs.

He first started Native dancing to at the age of two.

"My first experience dancing was at the Chickasaw Annual Meeting in 1977," he said. "We were asked to do a presentation at Byng High School. I remember seeing a lot of people there I knew and dancing on the fields where they served lunch."

He has always looked forward to Annual Meeting. The first time he danced on the Byng High School stage is clear in his memory.

"When I was six years old at Annual Meeting, my parents said 'we are going to go listen to the Governor talk,'" he said. "I can remember walking into the Byng auditorium, and my mother said 'you're going to dance up there.' I had never danced on a stage before, it was always outside. To me, that's how I remember how much it's changed."

As Mr. Wallace, now a member of the Chickasaw Dance Troupe, grew, so did the Annual Meeting.

"Each year I can see a dramatic change," he said. "I remember when 400 to 500 people attended. Now you see thousands of people from all over the United States. The cultural demonstrations have changed and grown, and we can share more history of the Chickasaw Nation."

Mr. Wallace likes to participate in the softball tournament and other activities, but it is not his top priority.

"The last few years I have been more excited to share our heritage and culture with the little kids," he said. "They are our next generation, and if we don't teach them anything about the culture, it could die and be lost forever. I wouldn't want that to happen."

Preparing for Annual Meeting is hard work, but it is a labor of love for Mr. Wallace.

"To this day it is still the same," he said. "It gives me a spark just like it did when I was a little kid."

As much as the Annual Meeting has evolved throughout the years, the format and the mission has remained the same: To inform Chickasaw citizens of the state of the Chickasaw Nation.

"Annual Meeting is very important to the tribal structure," Mr. Stewart said. "It gives people who live out of the boundaries a chance to come and learn about all aspects of the tribe."

Mr. Wallace is a Cultural Resource instructor at the Chickasaw Cultural Center in Sulphur. His duties include making Chickasaw cultural items, such as bows and moccasins.

He and wife Ashley, also a Dance Troupe member, were married two years ago in a traditional Chickasaw wedding.

For more information about Chickasaw Nation Annual Meeting and Festival, set for Sept. 25 through Oct. 2, visit www.chickasaw.net

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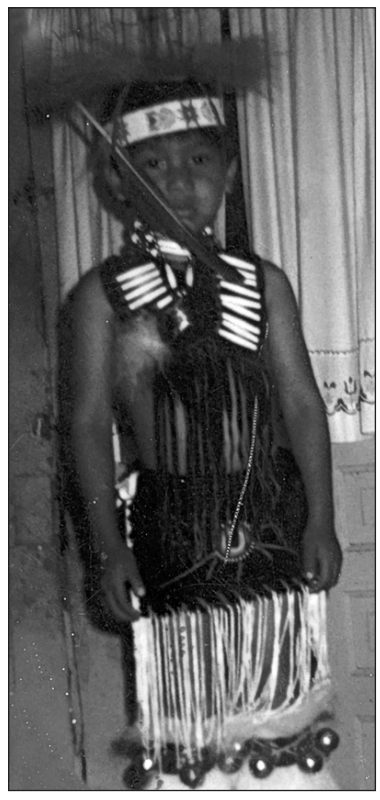

Five-year-old Jeremy Wallace.

50th Annual Meeting celebration

Calling former Chickasaw Princesses!

Chickasaw princesses have been iconic ambassadors for the Chickasaw Nation for almost 50 years.

With the 50th Annual Meeting Celebration approaching, the tribal Communications, Media and Community Development Division is working to create a commemorative piece highlighting Annual Meetings as well as important events of the past 50 years.

This is where we need help from our former princesses!

If you have served as a Chickasaw Princess and have collected memorabilia from attending historical events throughout the years and would be willing to share this information with us, please let us know.

Submissions may include photos from past annual meetings, invitations, flyers, posters, newspaper clippings and other historic documents from Chickasaw Nation events and items that will make the 50th celebration a memorable occasion. Items will be scanned or photographed and returned to the owner.

With all submissions, please include your name, return mailing address and phone number. A description of any items or photos (including dates, locations, photos identifications or other supporting information) is greatly appreciated.

Submissions are not limited to princesses. Everyone is encouraged to submit items. For more information, contact the Division of Communications, Media and Community Development at AnnualMeetingProject@Chickasaw.net or by calling 580-310-7903.

Items may also be submitted by mail to:

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Ada, OK 74820

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PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

The Chickasaw Nation Legislative Finance Committee will hold a public hearing regarding the Consolidated Tribal Budget for 2011 on June 24, 2010, at the Chickasaw Nation Legislative Building, 801 North Mississippi, Ada, Oklahoma, beginning at 6:30 p.m. Copies of the proposed budget are available for review at the Legislative Office in Ada.

Any Chickasaw citizen may address the Finance Committee at the hearings; provided, the citizen may speak only if he has notified Committee Chair Linda Briggs in writing of his desire to speak and provides an agenda. A citizen may speak for up to 10 minutes. Chickasaw citizens may also present written comments, recommendations, information or questions at those meetings, provided, those written comments are presented to Committee Chair Linda Briggs prior to the hearing's commencement.

The meetings shall be held in accordance with Title 10, Section 10-205 and following of the Chickasaw Nation Code. The Chickasaw Nation Code can be located at www.Chickasaw.net. (Newspapers: Tishomingo, Ardmore, Davis, Sulphur, Duncan, Purcell and Ada.)

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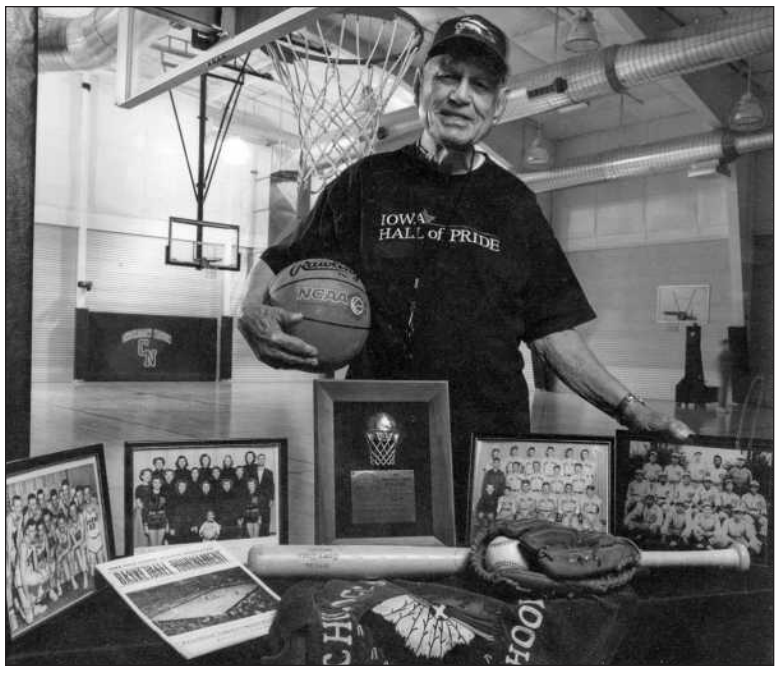

Overton Martin "Buck" Cheadle with some of the mementos from his athletic career. Mr. Cheadle lived a remarkable life and had a positive influence on many young people. He died May 13, 2010 at his home at age 91.

ate of Chilocco Indian School and Oklahoma Teachers College (now University of Central Oklahoma). He was also a World War II U.S. Navy veteran. After the war, he began his high school coaching career in Iowa. It was in the Hawkeye State that he was given the nickname "Buck" - a nickname that would stay with him throughout the remainder of his life.

"Buck Cheadle was a remarkable man," Gov. Bill Anoatubby said. "He had such passion for the things in which he believed. Whenever Buck wanted to get together, I knew he would have not just a great idea, but a well-designed plan to carry it out. He was an exceptional Chickasaw."

The snow was blowing hard in Roland, Iowa in the winter of 1947. Twenty-eight year old Buck Cheadle was struggling to keep the car on the road as he looked for the Roland School District office. When he found the building, parked the car and entered, he saw the superintendent sitting alone. Buck had come to interview for the vacant high school basketball coach's job. Other applicants were also to interview that day, but Buck was the only one who showed up.

The superintendent hired Buck Cheadle that night. He had no way of knowing his new coach would lead tiny Roland to the state championship game within two years.

Roland had 40 boys in the entire school and most of them came out for basketball. Buck Cheadle would never "cut" any player, so there was an A team, B team and C team. The C team had to play out on the tennis court - but they played.

"A couple of those C-team players eventually turned out to be pretty good," former Roland High School star and Iowa State All-American Gary Thompson said. "Coach Cheadle never gave up on any kid."

Buck became a star in his own right in Roland, and throughout Iowa. Tiny Roland got to the state finals in 1951 by beating the big metro schools from Des Moines, Waterloo and Davenport. Roland didn't have many players over six feet, but the squad had good players nonetheless. Buck would "scout" the other teams early, then let his boys know what to expect and how to defend.

"Nobody scouted in those days," Mr. Thompson said. "But Buck did. He would drive to those little towns, watch the games, and report back to us. We knew what the other guys were going to do before they even stepped on the court."

Mr. Cheadle left Roland after three years, but coached basketball and baseball in Iowa and Illinois until 1974. It was then he met Helen, the woman he would marry that year. The Cheadles cherished each other throughout their 36 years of marriage.

Buck and Helen Cheadle left the corn fields of Iowa for Buck's Oklahoma home.

Mr. Cheadle served as the Indian Education counselor at East Central University, Ada, Oklahoma until his retirement in 1984. It was then he launched his third career, this time in Chickasaw politics. His mission was to help as many Chickasaws as possible.

Mr. Cheadle was born near Milburn, Oklahoma on Jan. 6, 1919 to Tom and Mary Ethel Cheadle. He enrolled at Chilocco Indian School at age 14 where he excelled at baseball and basketball. He was drafted by the Chicago Cubs in 1940 but chose to attend school and graduated college in 1943. He entered the U.S. Navy immediately following graduation.

He received many honors throughout his life including: Iowa Coaches Hall of Fame, 1984; Chickasaw Nation Hall of Fame, 1994; and Iowa State Hall of Pride, 2004.

Mr. Cheadle's full obituary can be found on page 39.

CONTRIBUTED BY Tom Bolitho, editor.

"Pearl" to be screened at Chickasaw Cultural Center

Chickasaws will have the opportunity to see "Pearl," the first feature film produced by the Chickasaw Nation, during the June 12 event at the Chickasaw Cultural Center.

"Pearl" is the true story of a Chickasaw girl from Marlow, Okla., who became the youngest licensed pilot in the U.S. in 1928. The film focuses on the tumultuous teen years of the late Pearl Carter Scott, who was befriended by famous aviator Wiley Post in the late 1920s. Pearl earned her license at age 13 and was performing as a barnstormer and commercial pilot by age 14.

Mrs. Scott died in 2005.

The Dove Foundation recently awarded "Pearl" four "Doves," giving the film its 'Family-Approved' Seal for all ages.

"This endorsement is a testament to Pearl's legacy," said Gov. Bill Anoatubby. "This film enables people to relive some of the significant moments in her life – moments which define what made her truly great and reaffirm the importance of family relationships."

More than 800 Oklahomans turned out at the Warren Theatre in Moore, Okla., May 4 for a screening of the movie.

Mick Cornett, mayor of Oklahoma City, said after the screening that he could relate to the film's positive message of determination and perseverance.

"As a person who had parents grow up in small towns in Oklahoma during that same era, I saw a lot of our parents' generation and their values distributed throughout the movie," said Mayor Cornett. "It speaks well for Oklahoma."

"Pearl" has made a successful and highly-lauded run on the film festival circuit.

The film won the award as best overall film at the 2010 Trail Dance Film Festival in Duncan, Okla.

In October, 2009 "Pearl" sold out four matinee performances at the "Heartland Film Festival" in Indianapolis, well known as one of the largest family-oriented film festivals in the world.

"Pearl" also won a prestigious "Best of Show" award from "The Indie Fest," and swept the feature docudrama category at the "International Cherokee Film Festival."

"Pearl" was filmed on various locations in the state of Oklahoma, including the historic Harn Homestead, the El Reno Municipal Airport, the Jude and Jody Airport and several locations in and around Guthrie.

Paden Brown, a Chickasaw from Byng, Okla., portrays Pearl's sister Arnetta. She auditioned on a whim and was able to live the life of Arnetta each time she donned a costume.

"It's like going back in time, it makes me feel like I'm in the 1920s, and it's really fun," Paden said during the filming.

She said she admired Pearl and was proud to help bring the story of a powerful Chickasaw woman to the big screen.

Other Chickasaw actors include Pauline Brown, Daniel Walker, Milton Brown, Micah Barbour, Jaisen Monetatchi, Dakota Brown, Tim Harjochee, Robert Cheadle and Skylar Wilson.

CONTRIBUTED BY Tony Choate, tribal media relations.

Audiology Department provides citizen hearing aids

An Elder's Conference was recently held at Winstar Casino located in Thackerville, Oklahoma. While there I visited with Miranda Lee Seal, Au.D (Doctor of Audiology). Dr. Seal was at the conference to assist citizens who might have questions about the Hearing Aid Program offered by the Chickasaw Nation. Criteria for this program: must be Chickasaw, have an active chart with the Tribal Health Facilities and proper documentation of hearing loss. There is not an age requirement to participate in this program. To find out more call the Audiology Department (580) 272-2701.

BETH ALEXANDER

Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

Get ready for the elections this summer. Many of you have received an Updated Voter Application. That department is updating signatures. If you have ANY questions about signature verification call Rita Loder at the Election Office. Also, read up on information, call the candidates ask questions. Be prepared so you and your family can be involved. Remember, if you or your family members have had a change of address or have turned 18 yoa, contact the voter's registration office to update your information (580) 310-6475 or 1-888-661-0137.

Amid all the hustle and bustle of last month, I lost one of my dear friends, Susan Hancock. Susan and I attended the same church, worked together in Children's Church and discussed the events of the Nation on a regular basis. She was always optimistic and a source of encouragement to me. My thoughts and prayers are with her family during this time.

"You will know them by their fruits, Grapes are not gathered from thorn bushes, nor figs from thistles, are they?.....So then, you will know them by their fruits. Matthew 7:16, 20

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Indian warriors' service recalled on Memorial Day

In 1936, President Franklin D. Roosevelt said, "This generation has a rendezvous with destiny." Little did he know that in 5 short years, World War II would be that destiny and American Indians would play a huge role.

After the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor, thousands of Native Americans joined the military or went to work in military production plants across America. According to a Selective Service survey in 1942, at least 99 percent of all eligible Native American males had registered for the draft. On Pearl Harbor Day there were only 5,000 Native Americans enlisted, but by the end of the war in 1945, 44,500 American Indians had served in the military. Several hundred were women, serving as WACS, WAVES, and military nurses.

CONNIE BARKER

Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

Native Americans responded to America's call for soldiers. They understood better than anyone the importance of protecting one's own land and the concept of fighting for life, liberty and happiness.

Being called "The best damn soldier in the Army" by basic training expert Major Lee Gilstrop of Oklahoma, Indians had a natural advantage over other soldiers. They were skilled marksman and scouts and excelled in hand to hand combat. They had physical coordination and could endure lack of food and water better than the average soldier.

Many Native Americans were decorated war heroes. They received numerous Purple Hearts, Distinguished Service Crosses and even three Congressional Medals of Honor. Over 300 American Indians fought in the battle of Bataan and Corregidor and in 1942 at Guadalcanal, Navajo Marines transmitted top secret military orders and messages in their native tongue. The Navajo Code Talkers are credited with saving untold numbers of Marines and by war's end, over 400 Navajo had been assigned to each of the Marine Corps six Pacific Divisions. The Japanese were never able to crack the Code Talkers' code.

Native Americans continued to serve gallantly in the Korean War, Vietnam War, and Gulf War and in the present day War in Iraq, Afghanistan and Pakistan. So as we celebrate another Memorial Day, let us remember those who made the ultimate sacrifice and thank those who have provided us the freedom we enjoy today.

Connie Barker

Citizens At-Large Help Number

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Let's get together at the Cultural Center!

Hello Everyone!

There never is a "dull" time in the Chickasaw Nation but we seem to have gone from exciting times to times overflowing with excitement! So much going on!

By now all of you will be in receipt of your beautiful invitation to the opening of the wonderful Cultural Center. The activities of that day will be momentous and I am so hopeful that many of you will be able to attend. They are requesting that if we have native dress (regalia) that we wear it and that will be beautiful to see – all the wonderful colors. I am planning to wear mine and am looking forward to the day but please understand, you are welcome to wear what you wish – Just come if you can! It is an historical day in the Chickasaw Nation!

LINDA BRIGGS

Chairman, Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

No small amount of excitement is running through the Tribe with all the graduations – from Head Start, kindergarten, middle and high school and on through college. We have a lot of graduates and lots of accolades to give. Congratulations are due to all of them and best wishes for successful travel on through their journeys marked by these occasions. Our Education Department does such an outstanding job as they encourage and assist all students, all ages, on the way. We are fortunate and thankful for the means to do all that is done.

We are also thankful for all the opportunities offered to our youth in the form of summer camps and those deadlines for registration are imminent so check it out! You may call (580) 421-7711 or go online at www.chickasaw.net/youthcamps Give your child a summer treat - the camps are so great.

We said goodbye this past week to a Chickasaw legend in his own time – Overton "Buck" Cheadle. Buck was a man among men and a friend to all Chickasaws as well as to many others. He was appropriately a member of the Chickasaw Hall of Fame. His farewell service offered a beautiful tribute to the person he was and he will truly be missed.

When you think of it there's really no such thing as an "ordinary" day but it is interesting to see what brings the day to a state of "extraordinary"? And recently I received a letter from a wonderful Chickasaw friends that did just that. Several years ago I met my friends Mrs. Tennie Baxter, who lives down in Texas, when she was very graciously and generously gave a valuable and very old book on the history of the Chickasaws to the Nation for our museum archives. I was so happy to hear from her and her uplifted spirit shone through her correspondence. It made the day beautiful!

Indian legend has that a day you see a "red bird" is a very good day and the other day I sat out in my backyard and watched a virtual bevy of cardinals. That had to be a great day so I wish great days for all of you! (whatever color the birds are!). God bless you!

Linda Briggs

Watch your mailbox for ballots arriving in July

KATIE CASE

Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

Hello Everyone!

I hope you are yours are doing well.

For the last couple of months, we've been talking about the upcoming Chickasaw election season. We've discussed voter registration, how to prepare to make an informed decision and how much the Chickasaw Nation needs you to vote!

As Chickasaws, one of the most important things we can do is vote. It is the only sure way for us to determine who our leaders are and the only sure way we have to hold those leaders accountable.

In this last article leading up to the election, I want to lay out the timeline for the election process so that you can mark your calendars, and know what to expect and when to expect it.

First, the filing period for all offices is June 7-9. After 4 p.m. on the June 9, all candidates will be known and the game will be afoot. Really, though, it is not a game. It is our future at stake. Therefore, it is important to be informed about the candidates, their motivation for wanting the office and their past. The best indicator we have about a candidate's future is their past.

In preparing to vote, I suggest reviewing the incumbent's attendance and voting records. Those records can be found in the Chickasaw Times' reports of the legislative sessions. While the length of time between legislative sessions and the Chickasaw Times' reports of those sessions varies, there is generally a report of a previous session in each edition of the Times that gives the resolutions addressed, which legislators were present, which were absent and how each voted. A quick review of a few editions of the Times will reveal patterns of attendance and voting alliances.

Next, compare the campaign literature you receive with the attendance and voting records published in the Times. This comparison will help you see through the fog of campaign literature to determine which candidate will most likely vote to represent the interests of you, your families and your communities, even when integrity calls for voting independently of the group.

Talk to family, friends and people you trust about the candidates and their experiences with the candidates.

Also, call the candidates and then compare your conversation with their voting records published in the Times.

Also, know that your vote is confidential and private. You don't have to tell anyone how you vote and no one can know how you vote, no matter what you may have heard or how you were made to feel in the past.

On June 28, ballots are sent to voters residing outside the contiguous 48 states.

On July 12, the ballots will be mailed out to all voters. They are sent from Albuquerque, so it takes a day or so for most voters to get them.

July 27 is the last day for receiving ballots at the Ada, Oklahoma Post Office. To be valid, ballots have to be received before 10:30 on the 27th.

Then, at 11 a.m. on that same day, ballot counting begins!

The time is near and the stakes are high. Your informed vote is vital to the future of the Chickasaw Nation. Please vote and please vote responsible.

Respectfully,

Katie

Our tribal education programs are paying off

MARY JO GREEN

Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

Hello and greetings from Legislator Mary Jo Green, Seat 5, Pontotoc District and Committee Chair of the Education Committee! May has arrived here with much rainfall. The sky is finally clearing now and the temperature is climbing towards the 90's.

All members of committee were present for the Education Committee meeting in May and Lisa John, Education Administrator, gave a very comprehensive report. May has been a very busy month with lots of school events and graduation. There were three banquets and one honored parents and students for their work. It was held on a tornado alert night which provided some added drama. When the sirens sounded here in Ada everyone moved to the basement. All were spared thanks to God's watchful care over us. I did not attend due to the weather and because I have a elderly husband to take to shelter.

I was able to attend the awards banquet in the new community center, however, and there were many proud parents and youth in attendance. The award system encourages our youth to strive harder to be recognized and since there are were monetary awards it helps continue their education.

I also attended the awards and recognition banquet for the Robotics teams and their sponsors and mentors. These students and their accomplishments have made the Chickasaw Times and local paper. Science and technology are something the Nation has been offering for a few years and the students will be better as the years go because several age groups participate.

Graduations from Head start gets our youth ready to go to public school with many students already reading. In Ada there were 42 graduates, 50 in Ardmore, 42 in Sulphur and 11 in Tishomingo. Our young students were a sight to see in their caps and gowns along with proud parents and grandparents present!

Last month Higher Education awarded 52 general scholarships, 64 undergraduate grants, 12 post-graduate grant awards, and 6 degree completion awards.

The Supportive Programs Departments presented 8 students with outstanding achievement awards. The Chickasaw Honor Club presented 268 students awards for all A's, 354 awards for A and B students, and 275 perfect attendance awards.

In closing, may God's blessings be on each of you Chickasaws where ever you are. I would love to hear from you. Please contact me through my email address mary.green@chickasaw.net or through the address and telephone number listed elsewhere in this and every issue of *the Chickasaw Times* and on the Chickasaw Nation web site. My articles are also located on the web site. Thank you.

The Chickasaw Nation Tribal Election 2010 Primary Election Schedule

June 7-9:
Candidate filing period (8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. at the Election Secretary's office)
June 11:
Challenge to Candidacy ends at 5 p.m.
June 14:
Drawing for position on the ballot (1:30 p.m. at the Election Secretary's office)
Candidates may pick up labels, print-outs, & CD's.
June 14:
Last day to submit photo & biography to "Chickasaw Times" (by 4:00 pm)
Press release for candidates (news/media)
June 28:
Ballots mailed to voters who reside out of the contiguous 48 states
July 6:
Voter registration closes.
July 7:
After 12 p.m. candidates may pick up updated labels, printouts, & CD's.
July 12:
Ballots mailed to ALL qualified voters.
July 21:
Last day to appoint a watcher.
July 27:
2010 Primary Election (last day to return ballots; no later than 10:30 a.m.)
Ballot tabulation begins @ 11 a.m.
Unofficial results posted immediately
Press Release made to public.
July 27:
Voter registration re-opens, if no run-off election.
July 30:
Recount period ends.
October 1:
Oath of Office Ceremony (11:00 a.m.)

The Chickasaw Nation 2010 Run-Off Election Schedule (If Needed)

August 2:
Candidates may pick up labels, print-outs, & CD's (after 12:00 p.m.)
August 16:
Ballots mailed to ALL qualified voters.
August 25:
Last day to appoint a watcher for the run-off election.
August 31:
2010 Run-Off Election (last day to return ballots; no later than 10:30 a.m.)
Ballot tabulation begins @ 11 a.m.
Unofficial results posted immediately
Press Release made to public.
Voter registration re-opens
September 3:
Recount period ends.
October 1:
Oath of Office ceremony (11:00 a.m.)

Tribal GeoSpatial officer honored for innovation

KANSAS CITY, MO. - Chickasaw Nation GeoSpatial Information (GSI) Director John Ellis was recently honored for his outstanding leadership in Geographic Information System (GIS) coordination.

Mr. Ellis received the 2010 GIS Coordination Award from MidAmerica GIS Consortium (MAGIC) during the organization's biennial Symposium April 20 at the Westin Crown Center in Kansas City.

He was recognized for technical innovation and regional consensus building in the mid-continent region, where he has assisted various agencies and organizations in the effective use of GIS technologies as well as built a consortium of GIS users.

Chickasaw Nation GSI Director John Ellis, center, with MAGIC Consortium Chair Jim Langtry and MAGIC Symposium Chair Amber Reynolds . Photo provided.

Mr. Ellis accepted the award "on behalf of the Chickasaw Nation, the Division of Housing and Tribal Development and the GeoSpatial Information Department."

"Without the support of the administration as well as hard work and dedication of the GSI staff, this award would not be possible," he said. "That's what I love about working for the Chickasaw Nation - you have the opportunity, tools and resources to succeed in today's world and make a positive difference in the community."

Gov. Bill Anoatubby said Mr. Ellis was "very deserving" of the award.

"John and his team provide information and services which help improve the efficiency of our emergency services personnel and enhance the effectiveness of our economic development efforts," said Gov. Anoatubby. "They also develop maps and other information which help us better preserve our history and heritage."

Mr. Ellis began working for the tribe in 1991. After graduating college in 1996, he became involved with GIS. At the time, he was the only GIS employee. He later became the director of the new GSI department, when it was formed in October 2007. The department has grown over the years and now employs a GIS manager, a GIS systems administrator, a web developer, a GIS analyst, two GIS specialists, two GIS technicians, three interns and an administrative assistant.

GIS captures, manages, analyzes and displays geographic information in forms of maps, globes, reports, charts, databases and websites. This in-depth and up-to-date information is then used to make important decisions regarding the efficient delivery of the services to the citizens.

Within the tribe, Mr. Ellis and his GIS team create, maintain and enhance databases, maps and internal mapping websites for various departments and divisions such as Commerce, History and Culture, Realty, Housing, Environmental Services, the Lighthorse Police and others.

Mr. Ellis has also led his team in various projects beneficial not only to the Chickasaw Nation but also to the surrounding community. This includes preparing maps and information for some of the area's city, county, state and federal agencies. The department also has an active internship program with the Department of Cartography and Geography at East Central University and helps students become confident and successful within the GIS community.

The Department was also recognized at the 2009 ESRI Users conference with a Special Achievement in GIS Award for its vision, leadership and innovative use of GIS technology.

For more information about the Chickasaw Nation GeoSpatial Information Department, contact John Ellis at (580) 272-5402 or (580) 272-5469 or email John.ellis@chickasaw.net.

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About MAGIC

MAGIC is a nonprofit educational organization established to foster the applications of GIS and related spatial technologies in the mid-continent region. In 1998, MAGIC initiated a series of awards to recognize and honor public agencies, firms, organizations and individuals that have made noteworthy contributions to advancing the state-of-the-art and application of geographic information technologies in the region.

Other individuals honored by MAGIC at the event were: Chris Bader, Rod Bassler and Paul Moen of the North Dakota State Water Commission (GIS Innovation) and Jim Giglierano of the Iowa Department of Natural Resources (GIS Service). Linda Sibert and Judy Palenske of Saline County, Kan. won the Best Poster while Kathryn Prinslow of Fort Hays State (KS) University, won the Best Student Poster.

Clark to direct operations of special projects for tribal Arts and Humanities

Frieda Clark

Frieda Clark has been named the Director of Special Projects for the Chickasaw Nation Division of Arts and Humanities.

Mrs. Clark's role will include streamlining and managing the growing base of Arts and Humanities special projects.

Mrs. Clark's career history with the Chickasaw Nation began in 1976 when she assisted Kennedy Brown in the tribe's training department.

"I've always loved the arts and I'm looking forward to the opportunity to become more involved in the Division of Arts and Humanities," Mrs. Clark said.

Mrs. Clark earned a bachelor's degree in sociology from Sam Houston State University and a master's degree in sociological research from the University of Oklahoma.

She brings decades of management experience, including 15 years serving as the Employment and Training Director for the National Indian Council on Aging in Albuquerque.

"When I worked for the Nation years ago, there were about 200 employees," she said. "Now, there are almost 12,000. The tremendous growth is so exciting."

Mrs. Clark lives on her grandmother's original allotment in Stratford, Okla. She has two daughters and six grandchildren.

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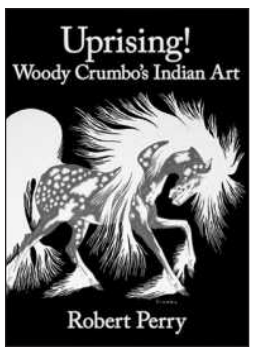
Chickasaw Press book 'Uprising!' receives honorable mention in Hoffer competition

"Uprising! Woody Crumbo's Indian Art" was one of five titles to receive Honorable Mention in art category of the 2010 Eric Hoffer Award for short prose and independent books.



Written by Chickasaw author Robert Perry, "Uprising!" was published by the Chickasaw Press in 2009.

Mr. Perry relates Crumbo's story as told by the people who knew Woody Crumbo best - his wife and friends. While much of the story deals with an artist struggling to achieve his dreams, the book also tells the story of a Native American man as he faces both prosperity and difficulties in the 20th century.

"Uprising!" is about the rapid rise of Indian art in his lifetime, and much of the story is told through Woody Crumbo's art. "Uprising!" contains many photos of the artist's paintings and sculptures.

The Eric Hoffer Award Award honors the memory of late philosopher Eric Hoffer. Given annually, the award strives to highlight salient writing and the independent spirit of small publishers.

For more information or to purchase "Uprising! Woody Crumbo's Indian Art," visit www.chickasawpress.com.

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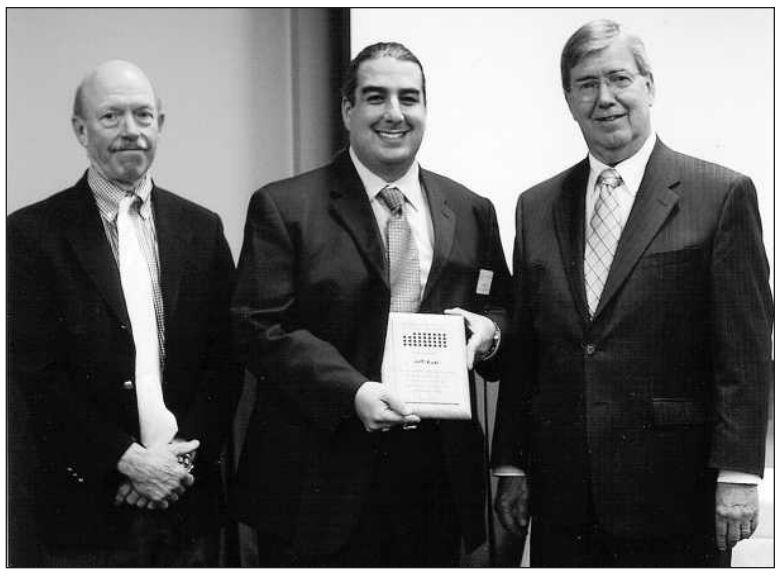
Chickasaw attorney graduates from OBA Leadership Academy



Chickasaw attorney Jeff Keel, center, recently graduated from the Oklahoma Bar Association Leadership Academy. OBA President Allan M. Smallwood, left, and James Edmonson, Chief Justice of the Oklahoma Supreme Court, are pictured with Mr. Keel.

Chickasaw attorney Jeff Keel recently graduated from the Oklahoma Bar Association Leadership Academy in Oklahoma City.

"This was a great experience that I will not soon forget," Mr. Keel said. "I met several other attorneys from across the state and learned valuable lessons from both the faculty and my fellow classmates."

Mr. Keel was one of 26 Leadership Academy class members.

Mr. Keel has been the general counsel to the Chickasaw Nation Gaming Commissioner since 2007. Prior to 2007, he served as the associate general counsel for the Chickasaw Nation's Division of Commerce.

"Completing this class is a notable achievement," said Gov. Bill Anoatubby. "Jeff Keel is an outstanding attorney who is sure to be an influential leader in his profession."

In 2004, Mr. Keel received his Juris Doctorate degree from the University of Tulsa. While in law school, he received a Certificate in Native American Law and served as the Treasurer for the Native American Law Student's Association. He is a graduate of East Central University, Ada, Okla., where he earned a bachelor's degree in political science and a master's degree in human resources.

He is a member of the Oklahoma Bar Association, where he serves on the Professionalism Committee, and Chair-Elect of the Indian Law Section. He serves as Chair of the Chickasaw Bar Association, is a member of the Muscogee (Creek) Bar Association, the American Bar Association, and the Federal Bar Association. He has also served on the East Central University Alumni Board of Directors.

The Leadership Academy's mission is to teach the state's attorneys ways to improve themselves as leaders. All participants attended four sessions from the fall of 2009 through the early spring of 2010.

Mr. Keel resides in Ada with his wife Falisha, daughter Lindsey, and son Jacob.

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Programs and services funded at $50 million through April

FINANCIAL REPORT

The tribal government caption includes the tribe's general fund and the tribe's BIA trust funds. The Chickasaw Businesses include all of the businesses and operations of the Chickasaw Enterprises. Not included in the financial statements are federally or state funded programs and/or grants and the financial statements of Bank 2 and Chickasaw Industries, Inc.

The growing needs of the businesses are taken into account when determining the transfers from the businesses to the general fund. It is vital to the long range mission of the Chickasaw Nation that the businesses continue to grow and diversify.

Revenues of the tribal operation, other than the transfer from businesses, include motor fuel settlement funds and investment income. Chickasaw Businesses revenues include gaming revenues net of prizes, sales revenue at convenience, travel plazas and tobacco stores, rent and investment income.

Tribal expenditures are classified by function. General government includes the maintenance and operations of tribal property, *Chickasaw Times* and Governor's and Lt. Governor's offices. Expenditure for education includes education scholarship as well as the tribe's division of education. Health expenditures include senior citizens sites, eye glasses, hearing aids, prescription drugs, wellness center, community health clinics, catastrophic medical assistance and other similar programs not covered by federal programs or grants.

The businesses' expenditures are classified as to expenses associated with gaming operation of the tribe and the other businesses of the tribe.

Executive Summary of the Financial Statements of the period ending April 30, 2010

Tribal Government

Revenues and transfers from the businesses for operations and fixed assets totaled $11.5 million for the month and $81.9 million year-to-date. Expenditures were $7.6 million for the month and $50.4 million year-to-date.

Chickasaw Businesses

Revenue net of gaming prizes for April totaled $76.4 million and $518.0 million year-to-date. Net income before the transfers to the Tribal Government was $23.6 million for the month and $159.4 million year-to-date. After transfers to the Tribal Government for capital projects and tribal program operations the net income was $38.1 million year-to-date. The net income includes all revenue, including amounts reserved for business growth and expansion.

Statement of Net Assets

At April 30, 2010, the tribal government funds had $109 million in cash and investments. Of this amount, $17.6 million is in the BIA Trust funds. This total does not include any federal program funds.

The businesses had $133 million in cash and investments which is reserved for accounts payable and business operations.

As of April 30, 2010, tribal operations, excluding federal program funding, had net assets of $936 million compared to $872 million at September 30, 2009 or an increase of $64 million.

Chickasaw Nation
Tribal Operations
Statement of Revenues and Expenditures
For the Seven Months Ended April 30, 2010

		Tribal Government	Chickasaw Businesses	Total
Revenues	$	4,243,705	518,010,032	522,253,737
Transfers from businesses to tribal government		77,706,114	(77,706,114)	-
Total funds available		81,949,819	440,303,918	522,253,737
Expenditures				
General government		4,731,966		4,731,966
Legislature		1,159,496		1,159,496
Judiciary		712,164		712,164
Education		9,606,295		9,606,295
Heritage Preservation		5,780,109		5,780,109
Health		9,345,315		9,345,315
Youth and Family Services		5,269,048		5,269,048
Nutrition Programs		2,651,533		2,651,533
Regulatory		3,482,916		3,482,916
Assistance Programs		7,740,749		7,740,749
Transfer to Loan Program		-		-
Gaming expense			294,702,195	294,702,195
Other businesses' expense			107,494,776	107,494,776
Total expenditures		50,479,592	402,196,971	452,676,563
Increase in net assets		31,470,227	38,106,947	69,577,174
Beginning net assets		371,458,204	495,790,033	867,248,237
Ending net assets	$	402,928,431	533,896,979	936,825,410

Chickasaw Nation
Tribal Operations
Statement of Net Assets
April 30, 2010

		Tribal Government	Chickasaw Businesses	Total
Cash and Investments	$	109,706,408	133,735,185	243,441,593
Receivables		41,565,718	34,321,674	75,887,392
Inventory			5,201,107	5,201,107
Prepaid expenses			14,171,780	14,171,780
Other Assets			20,177,505	20,177,505
Fixed assets		252,753,157	519,235,279	771,988,436
Less payables		(1,096,852)	(192,945,551)	(194,042,403)
Net Assets	$	402,928,431	533,896,979	936,825,410

Goal-setting, good grades illuminate path

School to Work students completing program prepared to enter workplace

From left, Ada School to Work students Tylor Lampkin, Heather Duns and Tara Brown. Lampkin and Duns graduated from East Central University, and Brown graduated from Pontotoc Technology Center.

From left, Ardmore School to Work students and East Central University graduates LaRue Baken, Bobby Upton and Robin M. Jones.

From left, Ardmore School to Work students and Murray State College graduates Misty Baus, Paul Brown and Amanda Wittner.

May marked the completion of coursework for 10 Chickasaw Nation School to Work students, including three who have already found full-time employments.

Tara Brown and LaRue Baken secured employment with the Chickasaw Nation before their actual graduation date. Robin M. Jones was offered employment at Southern Oklahoma Treatment Service in Ada immediately following graduation.

"We are very proud of all the School to Work students," said Gov. Bill Anoatubby. "The success of these students provides evidence that this program offers an excellent career opportunity for dedicated, hard working individuals."

School to Work helps eligible Chickasaw students complete their educations. A key program component is the provision of paid on-the-job training, typically in an area associated with their field of study.

Brown, who graduated from the Pontotoc Technology Center with a Desktop Support Technician Certificate, has accepted full-time employment with the tribal Information Technology Department. She had been working there earlier as a service desk technician as part of her on-the-job training.

The 26-year-old Ada native plans to further her education. She will engage in a computer science undergraduate program while also working. She will seek a bachelor's degree.

Ravia native Baken has found full-time employment with the tribal Benefits and Compensation Department, where she was also earlier working as part of her on-the-job training. The 29-year-old single mother graduated from East Central (OK) University with a bachelor's degree in human services counseling.

Baken said the program had "stepped in and helped" her in various situations "in any possible way."

"I am very thankful to have been given this opportunity and encourage every Chickasaw to take this opportunity and run with it," she said.

Jones, 40, of Lone Grove, Okla., graduated from East Central with a bachelor's degree in human services counseling. She completed an internship with the District 20 Carter County Drug Court as part of her on-the job-training. Currently, she is working as a behavior rehabilitation specialist.

Other students earning bachelor's degree from East Central are: Brandi Bowman, psychology; Bobby Upton, human services; Tylor Lampkin, kinesiology; and Heather Duns, early childhood education.

Bowman graduated with an overall 3.7 grade point average. Duns graduated with a 3.4 grade point average.

Baken, Jones, Bowman and Upton comprise the first group of Ardmore School to Work Program students to graduate with a bachelor's degrees.

Students earning associate degrees from Murray State College are:

Amanda Wittner, business and business management with the medical office assistant option; Misty Baus, general studies; and Paul Brown, human services counseling.

Wittner graduated with an overall 4.0 grade point average.

Other School to Work students also completed the spring semester with various academic achievements, including:

4.0 grade point average at East Central University - Holly Flowers, Bobby Hatton, Kyle Moore, Todd Morgan, Quinton Roller and Ronda Sockey.

Sockey was also the recipient of Richard E. Baumgartner Memorial Scholarship, which requires recipients to have a 3.0 or higher cumulative grade point average, leadership qualities and strong potential to make a positive and lasting impact in the human services profession.

4.0 grade point average at Pontotoc Technology Center - Derrick Seeley

3.5 or higher grade point average at East Central - Emily Bess Pool, Gena Brown, Stormy Busby, Courtney Cook, Pamela Filipelli, Corey Green, Amber Howard, Jordan Kiddie, James Reynolds, Tessa Truett, Connie Walton and Michael Worcester.

3.0 – 3.5 grade point average at East Central - Sara Jones, Victoria Morgan, Jessica Stockton and Jodie Turtle.

3.0 – 3.5 grade point average at Murray State College - McKenzie Phillips.

For more information about the School to Work Program, contact Valerie Nix at (580) 559-0815 in Ada or Don Mose at (580) 222-2839 in Ardmore.

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201 Indian students graduate from Southeastern; tribe a key partner

DURANT, Okla. – Southeastern Oklahoma State University hosted the fourth annual Native American Graduation Reception May 19 in the Glen D. Johnson Student Union.

The 2009-10 SOSU graduating class includes 201 Native American students from several tribes, including the Chickasaw Nation.

Tribal representatives from the Chickasaw Nation, along with representatives of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma, SOSU faculty and staff, were present for the event.

Deborah Hook, Chickasaw Nation Higher Education program and SOSU alumnus, presented graduation stoles to Chickasaw students who completed their degree programs with a 3.5 or higher grade point average.

"It is such an honor to be able to celebrate such a major accomplishment with our college graduates," Mrs. Hook said. "Our students work so hard to get to this point and although we may not interact every day with them, it still gives us a sense of pride knowing they are Chickasaw citizens who will go out and make a great contribution to our society."

SOSU has a long and successful history of providing higher education opportunities for Native American students. The University service area covers significant parts of the Chickasaw Nation and partners with the tribe to provide specialized services for all Native American students.

The Chickasaw Nation maintains professional staff at the Native American Center for Student Success on campus at SOSU. The staff assists students with scholarships, grants and access tribal resources. This partnership between the tribe and SOSU has placed the university among the national leaders in the percentage of Native American graduates, the overall number of Native American graduates and Native American in the fields of Communication/Journalism, Biological and Medical Sciences, Education, Psychology, Computer Science and English, Language and Culture.

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Chikashsha Apihchi Ikbi (Creating Chickasaw Leaders)

Students learn value of relationships in leadership group

ADA, Okla. - Chikashsha Apihchi Ikbi Program (Creating Chickasaw Leaders) students each got a turn in front of the camera during the May session by making an informational video about the program.

With the help of Chickasaw Nation Division of Communication Multimedia Department, the students shared what they have learned from the program.

The video will be used to promote the program and recruit new high school members from around the state.

Senior member Desiree Lyon said she developed her writing, communication and leadership skills through different activities with the group.

"Youth Leadership has really opened me up in my communication skills," she said. "I can go up to a person now and strike up a conversation.

"It's also helped me by participating in community service. I actually got a scholarship because of the community service I have done through program. The Youth Leadership staff members helped me fill out scholarship applications and really lifted me up during my last year of high school."

Desiree also traveled with the group to Washington, D.C., last summer during the end-of-the-year trip.

"The Washington, D.C., trip was very influential for me because we got to see all the historical artifacts and the Smithsonian museums," she said. "The Museum of Natural History was one of the highlights of my trip."

She also found new friends while on the week-long bus trip.

"Spending a week together really forged some friendships that have lasted," she said.

Desiree graduated from Latta (OK) High School in May.

Allison Paige Wilson, a 2010 graduate of Glenpool (OK) High School said the relationships she has built with other Chickasaw students and staff members make her long drive to the Ada meetings each month rewarding.

"The connections we have and the help from staff members with things like letters of recommendations and scholarship applications make it definitely worth it," she said.

Micah Hart, of Ada, said he was part of a great legacy and the program allows him "to share with other people who are like me."

"I am a part of a tribe where there are other people like me, so we can share our history and culture," he said.

Lori Barrett, a Sulphur (OK) High School student said, "We participate in food drives, can drives and other types of community service. By participating in these events, it helps me feel good about myself because I give back to my community."

A screening of Chickasaw Nation-produced movie "Pearl" at the McSwain Theatre capped off the session.

The group will travel to Oklahoma City to meet with state leaders at the capitol May 26.

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Chikasha Apihchi Ikbi Program (Creating Chickasaw Leaders) members visited the historic McSwain Theatre for a screening of the tribally-produced film "Pearl" during the May 8 session. From left, front row, Brittney Frazier, Bailee Hatton, Macee Wyatt, Lori Barrett, Amber Wright, Kim Ross, Jayson Hogland and Paige Wilson. Middle row, from left, Reide Wilson, Maegan Bridgeman, and Desiree Lyon. Back row, from left, Chase Horton, Caleb McDonald, Kash Smith, Kayla Gamble, Micah Hart, Samantha Walker and Jared Alexander.

About the Chikasha Apihchi Ikbi Program

Chikasha Apihchi Ikbi Program members meet monthly and cover a wide variety of topics including leadership, small business, and ethics and etiquette.

Beginning in September, the group meets one Saturday a month for 12 months. Lunch is provided.

Cultural aspects including Chickasaw language, Chickasaw history and the different creative crafts that Chickasaw people have developed over the years are also studied.

Included on the itinerary are tours of the Oklahoma State Capitol and visits with state officials and trips to other tribal headquarters.

A final out-of-state tour is planned for the end of the session.

Students will also have a class project which will involve community service and/or a fund raiser.

Applications are accepted year-round.

For more information about the Chikashsha Apihchi Ikbi program, contact Ms. Ashlee White, youth leadership coordinator at (580) 310-6620.

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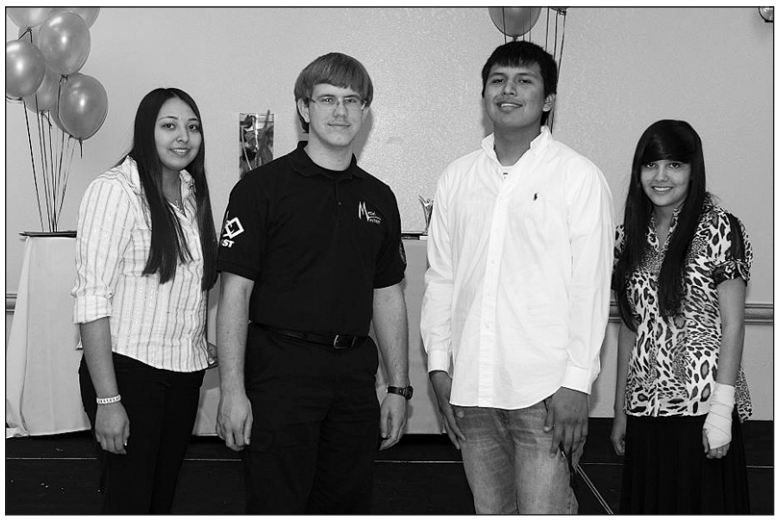
Students recognized for engineering proficiency

Chickasaw Nation LEGO and Robotics teams honored

Metal Mayhem robotics team members are, front row from left, Clayton Warren, Pierce Stevens, William Bonner, Nathan Wright, Lorenzo Charqueno, Kelli May and MariKate Hulbutta. Middle row from left, Kagan St.Clair-Shelton, Loraine Weems, Autumn Underwood, Joseph Dirrim, Arles Oakley, Stacy Oakley and Lashun Oakley. Back row from left, Jimpsey Factor, Brian Rumburg, Jim Lawson, Stan Townsend and Sara Willie. Marcy Gray



From left, high school seniors MariKate Hulbutta, Joseph Dirrim, Pierce Stevens, and Kelli May.

ADA, Okla. - LEGO and Robotics teams, along with their mentors and parent leaders, were honored at the Robotics Appreciation Dinner May 13 at the Community Center in Ada.

The dinner and awards ceremony were hosted by the tribal Division of Education.

Tribal Supportive Programs Director Lynne Chatfield presented the trophies, certificates and plaques to the recipients.

Among those acknowledged were Junior For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology (FIRST) LEGO League teams – Super Storm, Tiny Techs and Mini Mayhem; FIRST LEGO League teams – Mechanical Masterminds, Blockheads and Cybernuts; and FIRST Robotics team – Metal Mayhem.

The Cybernuts team was also recognized for winning the Gracious Professionalism Award during the annual FIRST LEGO League tournament in Stillwater, Okla., Dec. 12, 2009.

"The Gracious Professionalism Award is one of the top honors you can receive at a LEGO League event," said Chickasaw Nation Science, Technology and Math manager Sara Willie. "It honors the top team that displays positive team spirit and attitude, teamwork, sportsmanship and encouragement for other teams."

Also during the event, Chickasaw seniors and Metal Mayhem team members MariKate Hulbutta, Joseph Dirrim, Pierce Stevens, and Kelli May were each awarded $300 scholarships.

Super Storm robotics team members, from left, Nayukpa Ramsey, Taylor Harrison and Laura Wilson.

Tiny Techs team members Kelly Cooke, Elijah Gibson and team mentor Jimpsey Factor.

Cybernuts team members, front row from left, Levi Hinson, Garrett Wampler and Caleb Scott. Back row from left, team mentors Beth Alcorn-Benton and Bryce Scott.

From left, Blockheads team mentor Lorraine Weems, and team members Chelsea Wedlow, Jason Morgan and Savannah Weems.

FIRST is a national organization founded by inventor Dean Kamen in 1989. The FIRST mission is to inspire young people to become science and technology leaders by engaging them in exciting mentor-based programs. Through FIRST, students gain engineering and technology skills, inspire innovation and develop self-confidence, communication and leadership skills.

For more information, contact Sara Willie at (580) 421-7711 or sara.willie@chickasaw.net

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24 undergrad, graduate students to gain valuable experience

Chickasaw interns ship out to designated work stops

Gov. Bill Anoatubby joins this year's Chickasaw interns during internship orientation May 24-25. Back row, from left, Gov. Anoatubby, Brittney Orr, Caitlyn Dowdy, Nathanial Holland, Nicholas Drannon, Benjamin McGuire, Landon Lill, Rebecca Biggs, Sarah Bates and tribal Division of Education executive assistant Chenae Lippard. Middle row, from left, Michael Brooker, Jason Downing, Kourtney Brooks, Kayla Harris, Trisha Thomas and Jared Wingo. Front row, from left, Marissa Wright, Ashlee Dowdy, Samuel Davis and Benjamin Colbert. Mike McKee

ADA, Okla. – The 24 Chickasaw students in the tribal internship program participated in orientation May 24-25 at the Chickasaw Nation Douglas H. Johnston Education Building in Ada. The students now enter the workforce for on-the-job training.

The 24 are high achieving college students selected for internship placement for the 2010 summer.

During orientation, students discussed the internship program guidelines, toured Chickasaw Nation facilities and learned Chickasaw history and language. The group also received business etiquette training, personal finance training and career development training.

"Orientation has been very informative," said Cole Davis of Blanchard, Okla. "The speakers and information presented has made me feel more prepared for my internship."

Davis will serve an internship with the Chickasaw Nation Division of Commerce Finance Department.

After orientation completion, students traveled to their designated internship sites to begin employment.

"I will assist Chickasaws outside the boundaries who would like to be more involved in their culture through various activities," said Chickasaw Nation Family Resource Center intern Marissa Wright, of Norman, Okla. "I will also help individuals learn about programs and services offered to Chickasaw families."

Students in attendance were selected for internships at various locations including the U.S. Department of Energy, the U.S. National Transportation and Safety Board, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, Chickasaw Nation-owned Bank2 as well as Chickasaw Nation facilities in Ada, Oklahoma City and Norman.

The tribe provides each student with a six- to eight-week internship opportunity, biweekly pay, one round-trip airline ticket to the intern site and housing accommodations.

The internship program is conducted at different times throughout the year in locations determined by the Chickasaw Nation. Students apply and are selected by a selection committee. The tribal Division of Education staff works with the students and employers to determine internship timelines and specifics.

To qualify for the program, applicants must complete an internship application and submit all documentation to the Chickasaw Nation Internship program coordinator. Applicants must be between the ages of 18 and 25 and be a full-time Chickasaw college student enrolled as a sophomore, junior, senior or graduate student.

For more information, contact the Internship coordinator Chenae Lippard at (580) 421-7711, chenae.lippard@chickasaw.net or visit www.Chickasaw.net.

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LEGO AND ROBTOTICS TEAM | CONTINUED FROM PAGE 12

From left, Mini Mayhem team members Matthew McAngus, Sunzie Harrison, Carly Horton, Sean Cooke and team mentor Bill McAngus.

Mechanical Masterminds team mentor Gary Tingle, team members Courtney Burris, Thirkiel Wedlow, Patrick Cooke and mentor Michelle Cooke. Back row from left, team members Joshua Tingle and Chase Horton.

Youth camps and academies getting under way for summer

The Chickasaw Nation is gearing up for an exciting summer of camps, clinics and academies. The Divisions of Youth and Family, Culture, Education, Health and others focus on providing educational activities for youth to explore new opportunities.

Many camps and academies have application deadlines approaching soon, including:

Native American Junior Open

Lakeview Golf Course, Ardmore, Okla.

June 1

Registration on site begins at 1:30 p.m.

$20 registration fee required

This qualifying tournament, open to Native American youth ages eight to 18, allows youth to experience a tournament atmosphere without the pressures of a tournament. It also is a qualifying tournament for Chickasaw youth ages 12-18 for Team Chickasaw. Team Chickasaw will participate in various tournaments throughout the year. The $20 registration fee covers the cost of green fees, lunch and range balls. Pre-registration is not available.

Chickasaw Lighthorse Police Youth Academy

July 26- 29

Lighthorse Police Headquarters, Ada, Okla.

Application deadline June 28

Open to Native American youth ages 13 to 17, the Chickasaw Lighthorse Police Youth Academy provides an excellent opportunity for Native American youth to explore a career in law enforcement. Students will hear from law enforcement personnel and will also learn life skills such as CPR, communication, safety and crime prevention.

Forty Native American youth will be selected. Chickasaw youth will be given first priority for the camp. Return applications to the Lighthorse Police Headquarters, 1130 West Main, Ada, OK, 74820. For more information, contact the Lighthorse Police Department at (580) 436-1166.

Yakni Moma Alphisa - Justice for a Nation Court Camp

Aug. 2-3

Ada Community Center

Application deadline June 11

A two-day clinic that educates students, ages 10-18, about the operations of the tribe's court system, this camp emphasizes leadership and personal growth. Students will also tour the Chickasaw museum and Capital building in Tishomingo to learn the history of the Chickasaw legal system. A mock trial is scheduled for the second day.

For more information, contact Connie Tillery at 580-235-0281 or email Connie.Tillery@chickasaw.net.

Himitta Alhiha Hoochokoshkomo - "The Youth Are Playing" Language Sports Camp

August 5 - grades 1-6

Community Center, Tishomingo, OK

August 6 - grades 1-6

Old Gym – Carter Seminary, Ardmore, OK

August 7 - grades 1-6

Comanche / Duncan area, Location To Be Determined

Application deadline July 23

Himitta Alhiha Hoochokoshkomo is designed to promote the use of the Chickasaw language in an interactive, athletic environment. Camp participation is limited to 30 campers per day and participants must have transportation to and from camp. For an application and more information, contact Rachel Wedlow, Language Outreach Coordinator, at 580-272-5540.

All applicants must include a copy of the camper's Chickasaw citizenship card. Submitting the application does not guarantee selection to the camp.

For more information or obtain an application, contact the department of youth services at 580-310-6620. Return application to Youth Services, 231 Seabrook Road, Ada, OK 74820; phone (580) 310-6620; fax (580) 310-6626.

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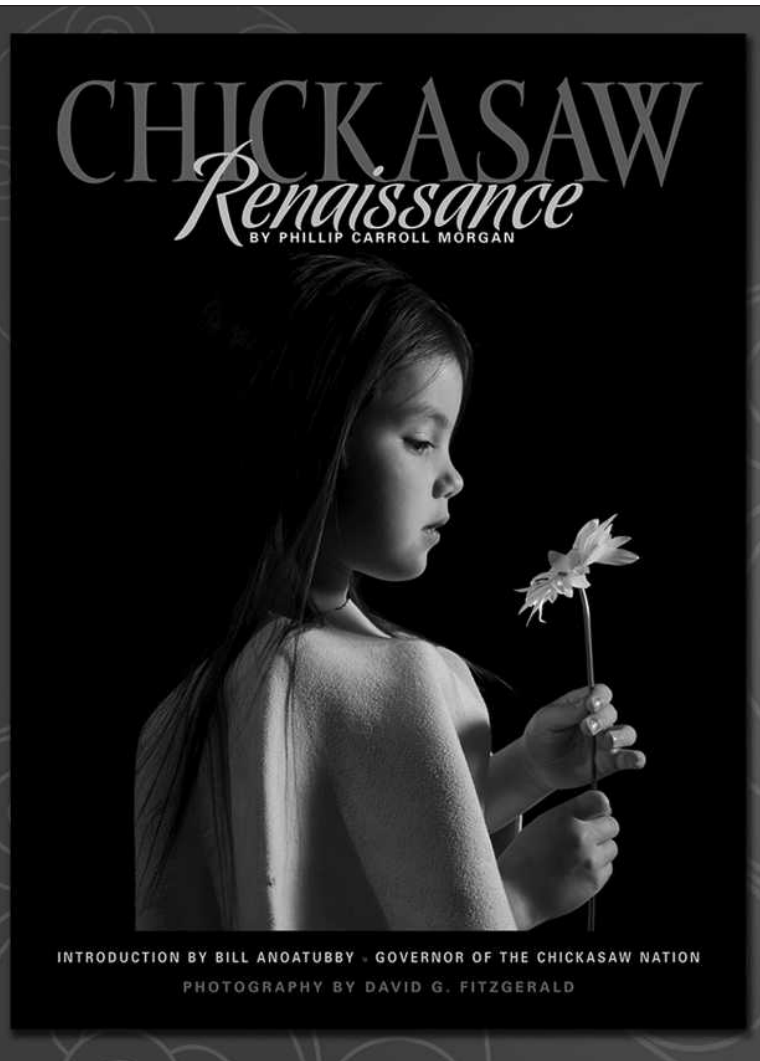
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The entire McCuan family, from left, Stewart, Xavier, mom Tasha, Alivia and dad James attended the Kid Play/Parent Caddie Golf Tournament at the Lakeview Golf Course, Ardmore, May 22. The event was hosted by the Chickasaw Nation Division of Youth and Family Services.

Mark Mathews, Ada, offers some advice to his son Logan during the Kid Play/ Parent Caddie Golf Tournament conducted May 22.

Masen Marris, Madill, putts the ball during the Kid Play/Parent Caddie Golf Tournament May 26. The event marked his first golf tournament. Masen's dad Danny was his caddie.

Kids golf, parents caddy in Ardmore tourney

ARDMORE , Okla. - Lakeview Golf Course was the scene of the second annual Kid Play/ Parent Caddie Golf Tournament. Nineteen young golfers hit the links with their families during the second annual event, May 22.

Austin Roberts and his mother Rita traveled from Madill to participate in the nine-hole contest. Mom served as caddie.

The event gave Austin, 14, experience at a friendly tournament.

"He just started playing in junior high this year," Mrs. Roberts said.

Dylan Kramer also had his mother, Andrea, for a caddie.

"This is good practice," she said. "He wants to make the Norman North High School team next year."

Most of 14-year-old Trevor Brown's family, including his mom, brothers and best friend, came from Coalgate to support him in the tournament.

Leon Brown and his grandson Dakota George made a repeat appearance at this year's tournament.

Mr. Brown learned how to play golf at 60, and hopes his grandchildren learn the game at an earlier age.

"I do whatever I can for the grandkids, I play golf a lot and I think they should too," Mr. Brown, of Union Valley, said.

Mr. Brown's other grandson, Alex Tucker, was also playing in the group. His dad Chris served as caddie.

Keifer Stewart, 10, attended the event with many members of his extended family. His grandmother, Sherri, was his caddie.

"I decided to come play today because I think golf is fun and I like being in competition with my friends, I played with many of them last year," he said.

Logan Mathews, Ada, was supported by his dad, Mark, his mom, Heather, and grandparents.

"He loves golf and he takes any opportunity to play," said Mrs. Mathews.

Logan, 10, dreams of making the Professional Golf Association circuit one day.

The day on the golf course was open to all Native American families and hosted by the Chickasaw Nation Division of Youth and Family Services.

Kid Play/ Parent Caddie Golf Tournament Results

14 and Up Girls

First - Charter Lawson, Mustang, 40

Second - Ashton Gore, Ardmore, 43

14 and Up Boys

First - Brenden Antencio, Ardmore, 39

Second - Chris McClendon, Fitzhugh, 45

Third - Austin McNeil, Roff, 51

12 -13-Year Old Boys

First - Dakota George, Guthrie, and Alex Tucker, Norman, tie with a score of 63

11 and Under Boys

First - Logan Mathews, Ada, 45

Second - Matthew Osteen, Willis, 50

Third - Keifer Stewart, Kingston, and Garrett Wampler, Norman (tie)

11 and Under Girls

First- Stewart McCuan and Alivia McCuan, both of Kingston (tie)

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WinStar Golf offering discount memberships, promotions

WinStar Golf Academy, located in Thackerville, Okla., has created two programs exclusively for Chickasaw citizens and employees - a complimentary golf lesson and special charter membership pricing.

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WinStar Golf Academy also offers a variety of discounted memberships, which include golf instruction and access to the golf course and training facilities, including:

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Gold level - $94 per month, which includes unlimited weekday golf along with all of the Silver level benefits.

Platinum level - $150 per month, which includes unlimited weekday and weekend golf, plus all of the Gold level benefits.

For more information, please call or email Mariellen Cozad at (580) 276-1754 or Mariellen.cozad@chickasaw.net.

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Count of Voters by District

Panola	1,733	Pontotoc	11,232
Pickens	7,210	Tishomingo	5,091
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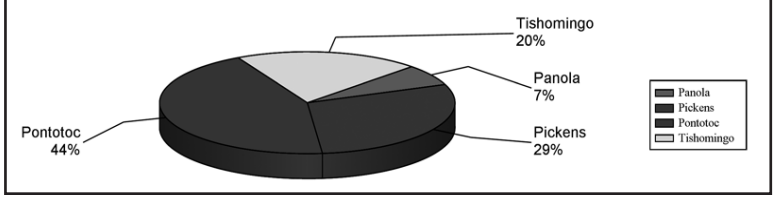

Chickasaw man committed to 'forward progress'

Chickasaw citizens are often associated with the phrase "unconquered and unconquerable".

For Chickasaw lawyer Les Barr, the motto's association holds especially true.

Battling severe diabetes since he was barely out of toddlerhood and losing his sight at the age of twenty, Mr. Barr has had plenty of opportunity to be conquered by obstacles standing in his way. But he hasn't. He uses the obstacles to boost him higher, excelling in just about everything he chooses to do.

"It was one of those things you think will never happen to you," Mr. Barr said of losing his sight due to retinopathy.

He recalls that the "beginning of the end" came while he was in college.

He was driving down the interstate and the road signs became blurry and would not come back into focus. After that day, his eyesight gradually diminished until he was totally blind.

"I was angry and I fought it," he said. "When they told me I should learn Braille, I said that I didn't need it, that I'd get my sight back eventually."

After a few months of sickness, dozens of laser surgeries and re-learning to live without sight, Mr. Barr returned to college.

"I needed forward progress," he said. "Sitting around and feeling sorry for myself wasn't getting me anywhere.

"I like solving problems. Getting back to school was the first problem to solve."

Eventually, he earned an American Studies degree from Oklahoma Christian College and a history degree from the University of Oklahoma.

Law school, he said, was the next logical step.

"Being a lawyer is a good fit for someone who is blind," he said. "It came naturally, really, because what lawyers do is research and write."

Mr. Barr used adaptive technology, including talking computer screen readers, to earn his law degree.

He said the biggest challenge during law school was getting the law books in an accessible format. At times, he would receive the books months after the semester started, forcing him to play catch up with the already massive course load.

As technology has improved, adaptive technology has become integral in Mr. Barr's career and personal life. He can read at rates topping out at 900 words per minute using talking computers with voice synthesizers.

He primarily practices disability law and is on the staff of the Oklahoma Disability Law Center. He is also a member of the Chickasaw Bar Association, the Oklahoma Bar Association, the Western District of Oklahoma Federal Bar, Tenth Circuit Court of Appeals Bar, Oklahoma Trial Lawyers Association and the National Association of Protection and Advocacy Systems.

Having spent numerous hours a week in dialysis treatments, Mr. Barr's most recent obstacle was a kidney transplant.

"A transplant had always loomed in my future," he said. "I had hoped it would happen when I was older, but when the kidneys decide to go, they go."

After about a year on the transplant list, it was decided that his sister, Jana Rucker, would be the donor.

"Knowing what all Les had been through and knowing that there was something that I could do to help him, there was no question," Mrs. Rucker said of her decision to donate her kidney.

"When someone you love has a need and you can fill it, it's just what you do," she said.

Mr. Barr said he and his sister had always been close, but that the transplant has brought them even closer.

"At first, I didn't want her to go through with it," he said. "I didn't want her to be in pain and only have one kidney. But at the same time I'm happy to know that my sister loves me enough to go through all of that."

Despite the fact that Mrs. Rucker lives in Florida, the siblings say that the transplant added another level of closeness to their relationship.

"We have an extra connection now," he said. "If I'm hurting or having a bad day, then I'll call her and sure enough, she is too."

Even with a donor named, the organ transplant was long and exhaustive.

Tammy Blevins, a former Chickasaw Nation Community Health Representative, had been assisting Mr. Barr since 2002 and became the liaison between Mr. Barr and health services offered by the tribe.

Less Barr, kidney transplant recipient with his sister and kidney donor, Jana Rucker. Photo courtesy of The Oklahoman.

"Tammy was my right hand gal," Mr. Barr said. "I truly believe that the transplant wouldn't have taken place if it wasn't for her help."

Mr. Barr's determination immediately left a lasting impression on Mrs. Blevins. She said that he never wasted a moment, working in the car as she would transport him doctor's appointments.

"His desire to move forward drove me to make sure his needs were met and that I was fulfilling the tribe's mission of enhancing his quality of life," she said.

Mrs. Blevins is now a Resource Specialist for the Division of Social Services. When the transplant finally took place in January, she took the day off to be with Mr. Barr and his family.

"Les and I just clicked from the beginning," she said. "We had a working relationship that turned into a life-long friendship."

Mrs. Rucker is also grateful for Mrs. Blevins and the assistance that the Chickasaw Nation provided for her brother.

"The resources provided by the tribe have been phenomenal," she said. "We are so thankful."

When not practicing law, Mr. Barr plays the drums in several local bands and enjoys researching computer technology. He and his wife Patti live in Norman, Okla. They have three children and three grandchildren.

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Chickasaw entrepreneur named 'Houston's Small Business Person of the Year'

Jennifer Lewis named Houston's Small Business Person of the Year by the U.S. Small Business Administration.

Chickasaw citizen Jennifer Lewis, of Houston, was honored June 1 for her hard work, determination and dedication.

Mrs. Lewis was named Houston's Small Business Person of the Year by the U.S. Small Business Administration.

Mrs. Lewis founded J & P Technologies, a computer programming consultant firm, in 1997. The company was named for Mrs. Lewis and her husband, Phil, a mechanical engineer who provides management assistance.

Mrs. Lewis began growing her business when she hired her first employee in 2002. In 2006 the company landed a contract to provide system engineering services to Johnson Space Center and she added more staff.

In 2009, she doubled her staff to 30.

Several staff members work with Science Applications International Corporation to provide safety and mission assurance for NASA. When certain computer programs were modified, Mrs. Lewis and her employees checked to make sure the change was safe.

"We analyze any hardware or software change for the Space Shuttle and we do a risk analysis and determine if it is safe and what are the risks associated with it," she explained.

Her employees also work with Lockheed Martin at Johnson Space Center to support hazard analysis.

"We verify any hardware or software changes are safe and monitor the flight at the control center console," she said. "If there is a problem, they help analyze it from a safety standpoint."

Several things helped this Chickasaw entrepreneur launch her company. Among them were being certified as a woman-owned business with the federal government, and being certified as a small disadvantaged business because of her Chickasaw heritage.

"Being Native American was a big part of it," Mrs. Lewis said.

She was able to secure a Small Business Development loan in 2005 to really get her business off the ground.

"The loan helps small companies that can't financially compete with the big ones," she said. "It really helps get your foot in the door, but you still have to perform."

She credits her staff for much of her success.

"In this line of work my assets are my people, they are the ones who make the business work," she said. "I am very blessed with the wonderful group of people."

One of her goals is to provide the same employee benefits her staff would find at a larger company. She also works to find consulting contracts for her employees.

A Family Connection

As a young child in the Houston area, Jennifer Lewis grew up in the space industry and was fascinated by it. Her father, Gene Gentry, was a mathematician and computer scientist who worked on the Apollo and Space Shuttle programs.

Among his projects at NASA was a map of the moon which is now hanging in the Smithsonian in Washington, D.C.

Family Helped Pave the Way

After earning a bachelor's degree in computer science, Jennifer Lewis worked at Johnson Space Center in the aerospace industry for about 15 years.

"I was working in aerospace when I decided to quit and spend time consulting, mainly to be able to spend time with my daughter," Mrs. Lewis said.

Then along came an opportunity to do some part-time programming for a bio medical company.

"It was wonderful," she said.

With the support and encouragement of her husband, she continued to grow her business.

Chickasaw Connections

Jennifer Lewis is proud of her Chickasaw heritage.

She is a direct descendant of Cyrus Harris, Edmund Pickens and Guy and Lulu Keel, original Chickasaw enrollees.

Her grandmother is Juanita Tate, a member of the Chickasaw Hall of Fame. Her parents are Gene and Gwin Gentry, who grew up in Ardmore, Okla. Chickasaw composer Jared Tate and legislature Shana Tate-Hammond are her cousins.

Mrs. Lewis lives in the Houston area with her husband and their two daughters, Emily, 13, and Nicole, 10.

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Chickasaw U.S. Navy veteran saw action in both European, Pacific Theatres of Operation during WWII

Petty Officer Robert Kincaid

June 6, 2010 marks the 66th anniversary of the Allied forces' D-Day invasion of France. The success of the operation led to the unconditional surrender of Nazi Germany in less than one year.

Following is the story of one Chickasaw veteran who participated in the landings.

Robert Louis Kincaid entered the U.S. Navy in October 1942. He became a pharmacist's mate, now known as a hospital corpsman.

Petty Officer 3rd Class Kincaid was assigned to LST 422. The morning of June 22, 1944, he was aboard the tank landing ship carrier along with 150 U.S. Army Rangers waiting for the shelling to let up before landing at Normandy. Petty Officer Kincaid's ship was off the coast for four days, taking on and treating the wounded. His LST made three trips across the English Channel taking wounded Rangers to English hospitals, and returning with supplies.

He returned to the U.S. and was assigned to LST 322. Petty Officer Kincaid soon found himself in the Pacific Theatre. His LST transported troops and equipment to Guadalcanal, Australia, China and Okinawa. He was in Nagasaki, Japan just two weeks following the dropping of the atomic bomb.

For his service, Petty Officer Kincaid received European Theatre operations with bronze stars; Pacific Theatre operations with bronze stars; and a Good Conduct medal.

He was discharged in November 1945 and returned to his hometown of Wynnewood, Okla. He met a beautiful Western Union worker named Esther Weakes, and they were soon married. Mr. Kincaid resumed his work at Coonrod's Funeral Home in Wynnewood. He spent 50 years as a funeral director in McKinney, Texas.

Mrs. Kincaid passed away in 2009. Mr. Kincaid lives in McKinney surrounded by his proud children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Memorial bricks offered by Chickasaw Historical Society

Chickasaw citizens now have the opportunity to purchase memorial bricks to be placed at locations with historic Chickasaw significance.

The Chickasaw Historical Society is offering the bricks for $25 each. The bricks may include birth dates, death dates, graduations and genealogical information.

Citizens may choose to have bricks placed at Seeley Chapel, the historic Chickasaw Capitol or the Chickasaw White House.

The brick placements will coincide with this year's Chickasaw Festival and Annual Meeting.

The Chickasaw Historical Society is honored to include citizens in this small piece of history.

For more information and to purchase bricks, contact Verna Todd at (580) 559-0847 or verna.todd@chickasaw.net

McCarty Family Reunion

La Quinta Inn
2828 E. Arlington, Ada, OK
July 2 - July 4, 2010
Persons interested in attending may contact Richard Burton at (831) 635-0248 or email realburton@peoplepc.com

Cravatt Family Reunion

11 a.m. – 7 p.m.
July 31, 2010
Chickasaw Community Center
700 North Mississippi, Ada, OK
For more information contact Dinah Worcester at Dinah.Worcester@chickasaw.net, (580) 371-0150 or (580) 559-3089; Norma Prince at (580) 235-2153.

BIRTHS

Sorin Dean Haulica

Sorin Dean Haulica was born at 1:18 a.m., May 12, 2010 at Los Robles Hospital, Thousand Oaks, Calif. He weighed 8 lbs., 3 oz., and measured 21 inches at birth.

Sorin is the son of Eugen Haulica and Heather Anne Swarens, of Newbury Park, Calif.

He is the grandson of Craig and Debbie Swarens, of Simi Valley, Calif., and Viorel Haulica, of Thousand Oaks.

He is the great-grandson of Betty and the late Earl Swarens, of Los Angeles and the late Jean and Anne (Sperry) Robertson, of Newbury Park. He is the great-great-grandson of original enrollee Imon (McGee) Sperry.

Vincent Frank Perry

Vincent Frank Perry was born May 4, 2010. He weighed 7 lbs., 13 oz., and measured 20 inches at birth. He is the son of Karina Macias and Christopher Perry, of Tulsa.

He is the grandson of Victor and Marina Macias, Sallie Perry and Selma Walker, of Tulsa. He is the nephew of Kirk and Kay Perry, Robert and Faye Perry and Charles and Kay Perry, all of Ada, Okla., Tiffanie and Jon Wilburn and Tony and Caterina Perry, Victor and Misty Macias, of Tulsa.

Aurora Rose Howell

Aurora Rose Howell was born May 11, 2010 at Roseville, Calif. She weighed 9 lbs., 9 oz., and measured 10 inches at birth. She is the daughter o Leah Faith Hawkins and Michael Howell.

She is the granddaughter of Sherry Ann (John) Hawkins and Elijah Hawkins. She is the great-granddaughter of Jack John and great-great-granddaughter of Tecumseh John.

Jimmy Miller feted on 71st birthday

Jimmy B. Miller

Happy 71st Birthday Jimmy B. Miller, June 14, 1939.

We love and miss you so much!

Your family.

Complete the Customer Service Survey and win!

Chickasaw citizens who complete a tribal customer service survey can win $100.

Chickasaws can access the Customer Service Survey through the tribal website at www.chickasaw.net. The survey seeks input from citizens regarding tribal programs, services and customer service.

After completing the survey, enter the giveaway. The $100 will be given away each quarter. Winners will be announced in *the Chickasaw Times.*

Chickasaw artist tops at art show

Larry Carter

Chickasaw artist Larry Carter has recently taken top prize in a university art show.

Mr. Carter, of Noble, Okla., placed first in the University of Oklahoma staff week art show. The show is for employees of the university's Norman campus.

Mr. Carter's oil painting on canvas titled "Buck at Hyalite Canyon" took the first place blue ribbon, plus a cash award.

The show was April 27.

Mr. Carter is the son of Charlie and Kay Carter, of Antlers, Okla.

Vanoss (OK) Alumni Banquet June 26

The Vanoss (OK) Alumni Banquet is set for Saturday, June 26.

The banquet will begin at 7 p.m. at the Vanoss School Cafeteria.

Reserve tickets are now available. Please call Laura Cothren at Vanoss School by June 24. The number is (580) 759-3707.

Tickets may also be purchased from Ronnie Hicks at (580) 436-6457 or Ronnie Mackey at (580) 759-2616.

Cindy McGowen named Purcell 'District Teacher of the Y'ear

Cindy McGowen

A Chickasaw educator has been honored for her work in a public school system.

Cindy McGowen was named "District Teacher of the Year" for the Purcell (OK) Schools. Mrs. McGowen has taught in the Purcell district for 15 years and is a graduate of Purcell High School.

She taught fourth grade during the 2009-2010 school year, and has previously taught first, second and third grades.

Her class motto is "Be your BEST because only you can be you!" She is known by her students as "Mrs. Mc."

"My job is very rewarding and I absolutely love it when the kids come back to see me," she said.

Mrs. McGowen and her husband, Tim, have two children, Blake and Bailee.

Mrs. McGowen is the daughter of Joe and Angie Wallace, of Purcell. Her grandparents are Joan Stephens and the late Robert R. Stephens and Jettie Wallace and the late Kenneth Wallace, all of Purcell.

Haskell Alumni Reunion set for Sept. 17-20 in Albuquerque

The Haskell Alumni Reunion is scheduled for Sept. 17-20 at the Marriott Hotel, Albuquerque.

Two separate functions as parts of the Reunion are a 50th Anniversary Celebration of the High School Graduating Class of 1960 and a golf tournament.

Classmates from 1960 are encouraged to communicate with class secretary Beaman Wisdom whether they plan to attend or not.

The four-person golf scramble is open to Haskell alumni, family members and friends. It will be played Saturday morning, Sept. 18 at Santa Ana Golf Club. There is an $84 entry fee and fee deadline is Aug. 12.

For more information on the Reunion, contact Flo (Tanner) Spotted Bear, (918) 948-2505, or Loretta Burgess, (918) 633-7030.

For information on the Class of 1960 event and the golf tournament, contact Beaman Wisdom at wisdomb@cableone.net or (928) 443-0359 or (928) 202-2719.

Customer Survey Winner

Congratulations to E. Alma Johnson for winning our quarterly customer service survey $100 prize!

Thank you to all who completed our Customer Service Survey through the internet and remember we will be having our next drawing soon. Hope to hear from each and everyone of you. To enter go to www.chickasaw.net and click on the link for customer service surveys.

Help us update our military list!

The Chickasaw Nation is updating the military database for those on active duty and stationed away from home.

If you know of a Chickasaw in the service whom you would like to add to the list or update their address, please contact Joy Barrick in the Public Affairs Department at (580) 310-6451 or email joy.barrick@chickasaw.net.

Wiley Barnes and Rachel Rayburn.

Rayburn, Barnes to wed July 10

Jim and Cheryl Rayburn, of Pauls Valley, Okla., announce the engagement and upcoming wedding of their daughter, Rachel Rayburn, to Wiley Barnes.

Mr. Barnes is the son of Mike and Mary Ruth Barnes, of Ada.

The couple will exchange vows July 10, 2010.

Miss Rayburn's maternal grandparents are Reba Smith, of Pauls Valley, and the late Bob Smith. Her paternal grandparents are Willie Rayburn, of Pauls Valley, and the late Charlie Rayburn.

The bride-to-be earned a master's degree in education in 2009, and a bachelor's degree in education in 2005, both from East Central (OK) University. She is a 2001 graduate of Pauls Valley High School.

She is employed by Wayne Public Schools where she is a kindergarten teacher.

Mr. Barnes' maternal grandparents are Chickasaw elder June McSwain Scott, of Ada, and the late Woodrow Scott. His paternal grandparents are Dorothy Barnes, of Vernon, Texas, and the late Sam Barnes.

The future bridegroom is a 2000 graduate of Oklahoma State University where he earned a bachelor's degree in journalism.

He is employed by the Chickasaw Nation where he works in the Public Affairs Department.

The couple will reside in Ada.

Kellner, Arbuckle to exchange vows June 26 in Arizona

Michelle Kellner and Lance Cpl., Andrew Arbuckle.

Michelle Marie Kellner, of Scottsdale, Ariz., and Lance Corporal Andrew Kelly Arbuckle, USMC, of New River, Ariz., will exchange wedding vows June 26, 2010 at Fort McDowell Radisson Resort, Scottsdale.

Judge Phil Rodgers will officiate the 5 p.m. ceremony.

The bride-to-be in the daughter of Shanon L. Shaw. She is the granddaughter of David and Marilyn Kellner and the great-granddaughter of Tonopah Colbert.

Mr. and Mrs. Myles Homer celebrate 49th anniversary

Myles and Sandy Homer, Jr., of Ardmore, Okla., recently celebrated their 49th wedding anniversary by attending the 2010 Masters Golf Tournament in Augusta, Georgia.

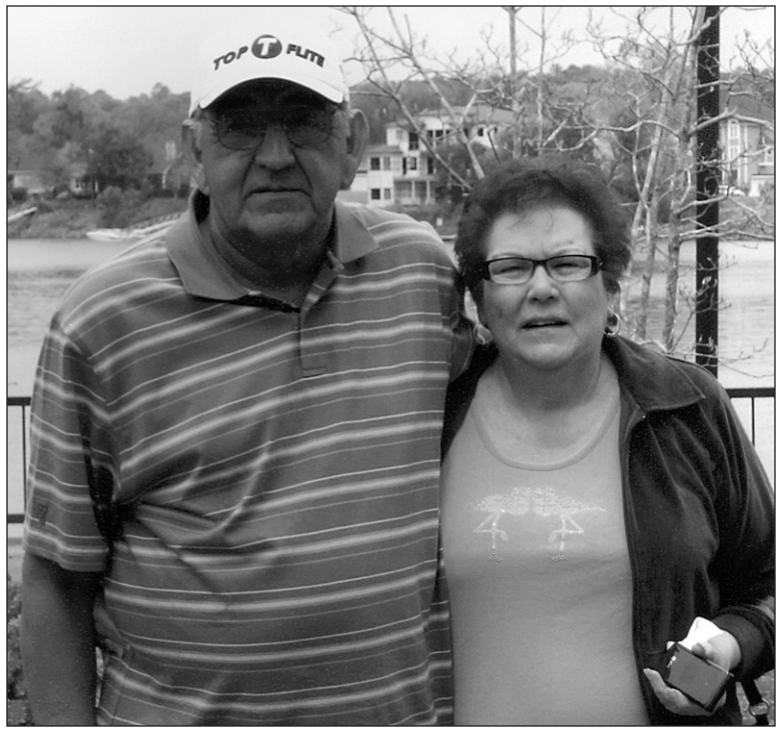
They were accompanied by their son, Myles Homer III, of Las Vegas, and their daughter, Kristina Grisham and husband Don, of Cabot, Ark.

The Homers and their children attended the Masters and walked the entire course on Friday, the second day of play. They had the opportunity to watch their favorite golfers, including Fred Couples, Tom Watson and Phil Mickelson.

The group followed up on Saturday with a day of golf at Mt. Vintage Plantation Golf Course in South Carolina. On Sunday, they enjoyed a day at the hospitality club, Club Magnolia, located across from the Masters Tournament.

The Homers have three children, Myles III, Kari Roberts, of Oklahoma City, and Kristina Grisham. They have six grandchildren and a great-grandson.

The Homers have lived a blessed life.



Myles and Sandy Homer, Jr., of Ardmore, Okla.

From left, Myles Homer, III, Sandy Homer, Myles Homer, Jr., Kristina Grisham and Don Grisham.

Chickasaw marine returns home

A Chickasaw marine has recently returned from Persian Gulf duty and will soon resume his education.

Lance Corporal Brett Aaron Meister, USMC, completed a six-month tour about the USS Bonhomme Richard. He was a member of an amphibious-based helicopter assault infantry unit where he served as an automatic rifleman and radio operator.

Lance Cpl. Meister received an honorable discharge following four years of service with the Marine Corps.

He plans to attend Arizona State University or Mesa Community College and pursue a degree in construction management.

He is a descendant of Chickasaw leader Edmond Pickens and of original enrollees Charles Ambrose Burns and Mollie Pickens.

He is the son of Richard B. Meister, M.D., of Sacramento, Calif.

CHICKASAW STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

Jimmy Tishomingo Wynne

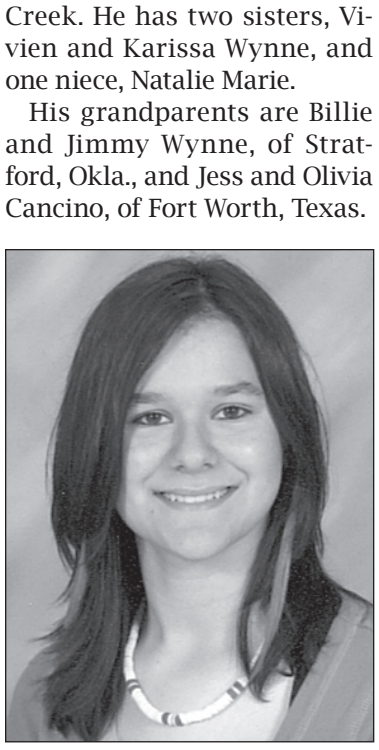
Chickasaw runner in county-wide meet

Jimmy Tishomingo Wynne, a seventh-grade Chickasaw student at Bridge Creek (OK) Middle School, ran in the county-wide track meet April 22 at Lindsay, Okla.

Jimmy placed fourth in the 400-meter race, and placed in the individual mile with a time of 6:25. He also ran on the four-man relay team.

He is the son of Jimmy J. and Jennifer Wynne, of Bridge Creek. He has two sisters, Vivien and Karissa Wynne, and one niece, Natalie Marie.

His grandparents are Billie and Jimmy Wynne, of Stratford, Okla., and Jess and Olivia Cancino, of Fort Worth, Texas.



Holly D. Hatton

Student named to high school scholar society

A Chickasaw high school student has recently be admitted to an academic honor program.

Holly D. Hatton, of Byng (OK) High School, has been selected for membership in the National Society of High School Scholars. The society recognizes top scholars and invites students who have achieved superior academic performance.

Aric Easley-Wade

Pickett sixth-grader recognized for work

Aric Easley-Wade, a sixth-grader at Pickett Center (OK) School, was recognized for his achievements during the school awards assembly.

Aric was honored for outstanding performance in basketball. He was also the third top DEAR reader, received the high standard of excellence in academics, and was a member of the Six Flags Six Hour Reading Club.

Aric received a ticket to Six Flags Over Texas and a cash award.

We are very proud of him and wish him luck next year in seventh grade.

We love you, Aric! Mom, Dad and your whole family!

Luke Sabey

Chickasaw gymnast competes in USA meet

A Chickasaw middle school student has recently competed in a USA Gymnastics men's championship meet.

Thirteen-year-old Luke Sabey, of Arvada, Colo., participated in the USA Gymnastics Men's Region IX Championship April 9-11 in Albuquerque. Gymnasts from Colorado, Wyoming and Utah competed.

Luke is a member of the Men's Level 8 Team from 5280 Gymnastics. He competes in floor and vault events and ranked number 12 in the region.

Luke started gymnastics just two years ago, considered late for the sport. He has worked very hard to compete at the advanced level of the sport.

Luke has just finished seventh grade at North Arvada Middle School. He excels at art, science and mathematics.

Last summer he participated in the NASA Space Camp and the Chickasaw Nation Space and Aviation Camp in Ada, Okla. At the NASA Camp, he received the MVP award in robotics and his team won for best robotic design.

Luke is the great-grandson of the late Caroline (illetewahke) Milligan, an original enrollee. He is the grandson of Geneva (Milligan) Ducote, of Madill, Okla., and Mr. and Mrs. Sonya Sabey, of Altus, Okla.

Luke's parents are Ken Sabey and Dr. Dianna Ducote-Sabey, of Arvada.

Lindsay Marie Grisham

Lindsay Grisham in summer ministry work

A Chickasaw college student is participating in a unique summer ministry program in Florida.

Lindsay Marie Grisham, of Cabot, Ark., is attending Kaleo-Destin, a nine-week "beach ministry." The event, in Destin, Fla., provides students the opportunity for extensive Bible study, plus practical skills for launching a ministry on their college campuses.

Miss Grisham attends the University of Arkansas, where she has just completed her freshman year. She maintained a 4.0 grade point average and was inducted into Gamma Beta Phi Society. Students who finish in the top 10 percent of their class are eligible for Gamma Beta Phi.

She is also a member of Zeta Tau Alpha sorority. The sorority is active in breast cancer awareness and education.

Miss Grisham attends New Heights Church, Fayetteville, Ark., where she works in the children's Sunday School department. She also attends StuMO, a campus ministry that meets weekly during the school year for worship and Bible study.

She is the granddaughter of Myles and Sandy Homer, of Ardmore, Okla., and Mearl and Bessie Grisham, of Denton, Texas.

Her parents are Don and Kristina Grisham, of Cabot.

Robin Factor Ray

Robin Ray named 'Athlete of the Year'

A Chickasaw college runner has recently been honored for her performance at her Kansas junior college.

Robin Factor Ray was named "Female Student Athlete of the Year" during the Cowley (KS) College Athletic Awards Banquet April 26 in Arkansas City, Kan.

Miss Ray has completed an outstanding two-year cross country and track and field career at Cowley College. She placed seventh at the National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) Division 1 Cross Country National Championship in Peoria, Ill., and led her team to a national fourth-place finish. Her time of 18:20 was second fastest in school history.

Miss Ray also placed third at the NJCAA Half Marathon Classic at Overland Park, Kan., leading her team to a first-place finish.

During the indoor track season, Miss Ray was named Region VI Female Athlete of the Meet. She was conference and region champion in the mile run and 3,000-meter run.

She has recently been named a NJCAA All-American.

Miss Ray is a pre-med student who grew up in McAlester, Okla. She has signed a letter of intent to run cross country and track at the University of Oklahoma.

She is proud of her Chickasaw heritage and is thankful for the support from the Chickasaw Nation Division of Education and the Chickasaw Foundation.

She plans to become a doctor.

Karlie Charles

Karlie Charles dances in student powwow

A Chickasaw girl recently danced during a Texas Indian Education event.

Nine-year-old Karlie Charles had the honor of serving as the Head Little Girl Dancer during the Dallas Independent School District American Indian Education Program/Parent Advisory Committee Spring Student Powwow.

The event was April 17 at the Ellis Davis Field House.

Karlie has been dancing since age two, and this was her first time serving on head staff. She thoroughly enjoyed dancing all the intertribal and honor dances flanked by family and friends.

Karlie sponsored bye Junior Girl's Contest to show her appreciation for such an honor.

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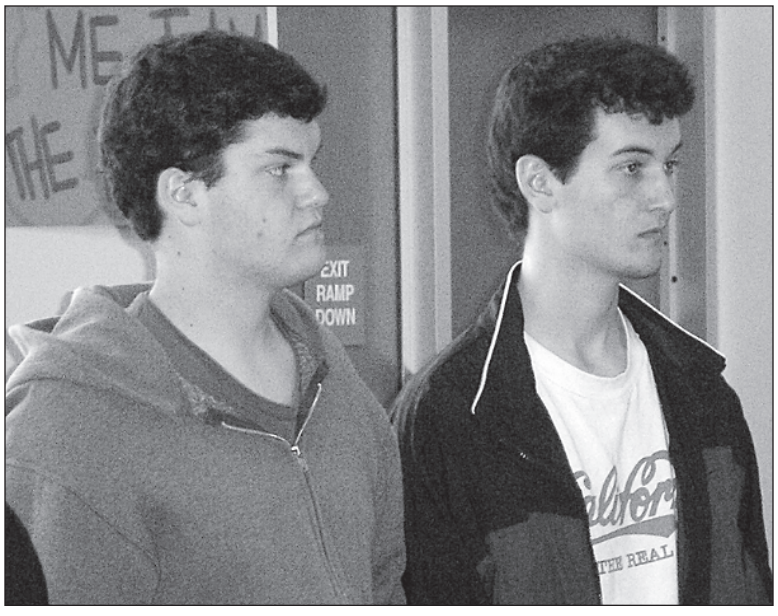


Brendan P. Choshemataha Kinney, r, and Rory A. Nashoba Kinney.

Brothers honored for achievements in the arts

The San Francisco (CA) Unified School District Indian Education Program honored two Chickasaw students during the Wisdom Moving Forward Celebration May 22, in San Francisco.

Rory A. Nashoba Kinney was recognized as an Outstanding Artist in Technical Theatre. His brother, Brendan P. Choshemataha Kinney, was honored as an Outstanding Youth Artist in Photography and Technical Theatre.

Both are students at San Francisco School of the Arts, a public high school offering pre-professional training in the arts.

The opening blessings were by Rico Miranda of the Ohlone tribe since San Francisco is part of the Ohlone homeland. Honor songs and traditional drum music were led by the Friendship House Drum. Elders and Indian community members of many nations encouraged the students in pursuing education.

The keynote speaker, Highhorse Little, a Lakota Sioux/Mayan, grew up in San Francisco, and is now a self defense instructor and boxing trainer in San Diego.

After the ceremony, Highhorse Little encouraged Rory and Brendan in their educational goals as well as their favorite sport of boxing.

They are the sons of David Kinney and Lorri Ferguson.

They are direct descendents of first Governor of the Chickasaw Nation Cyrus Harris, and original enrollees, Sarah Minnie Harris and Ludie Kinney, Sr.

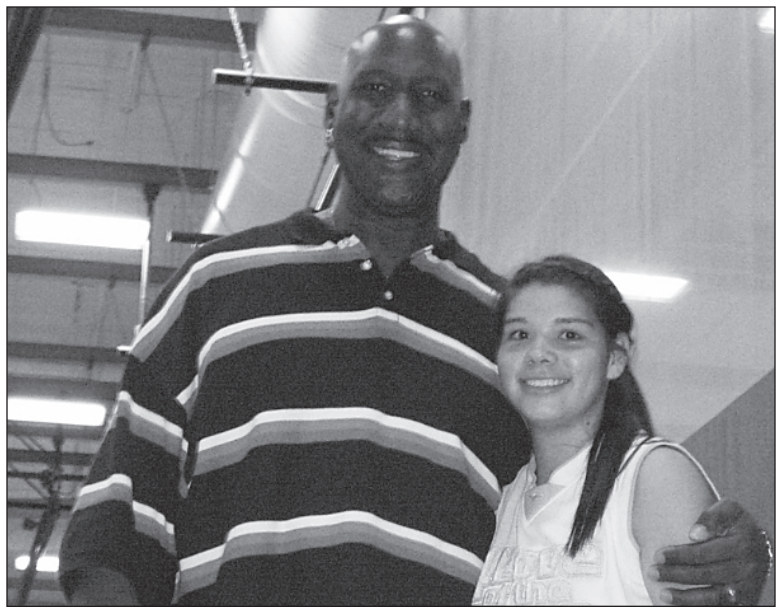
Chloe Miller graduates from Latta kindergarten

Chloe Miller

Chloe Ella Grace Miller graduated from kindergarten at Latta Elementary School, Ada, Okla., May 19, 2010. She is the daughter of Marsha Miller and the granddaughter of Faye and the late Jimmy Boyd Miller.

She is my beautiful angel. We love her so much!

Catie Newport competes in Indian all-star hoops tournament



Catie Newport pictured with former NBA All-Star Daryl Dawkins.

Catie Newport

A Chickasaw basketball player has recently competed in an Indian all-star tournament in Colorado.

Catie Newport played on the Oklahoma team at the 25th All West Native American Basketball Classic in Lakewood, Colo. Catie's team finished runner-up in its division.

Catie graduated last month from Ada (OK) High School where she was a starter on the Lady Cougar basketball team. She was named to the Southeast 6 Conference second team, and the Ada Evening News All Area second team.

She will compete in the Ada Evening News All Star Classic game.

Catie also competed on the Ada High track squad where she ran the 200-meter and 400-meter dashes. She was voted "most athletic girl" by the Ada High 2010 senior class.

Catie is the daughter of Steve and D.D. Jacob, and the granddaughter of Gene and Rose Jefferson and Don and Diane Jacob.

Chickasaw track and field competitor helps team to second in 3A

Aaron John

Aaron John is a Chickasaw senior at Sulphur (OK) High School. He was a member of the varsity track team for four years and recently participated in the Oklahoma state track meet at Ardmore, Okla.

The Sulphur boys' track team placed second in the 3A Division. He placed in two events; pole vault and 4x1 relay.

Aaron has worked through three injuries (severe eye injury, fractured elbow and most recently injured toe) and still managed to help out his team.

Although this is his last year of high school, there is no doubt that his strong and faithful walk with Jesus will see him through his next steps.

He is the son of Carla John and Charles.

John John

John John (John-Boy) is the grandson of Alvin John. He was homeschooled for his first grade year (he was the best student). He will be a second grade student next year! John-Boy did a great job and worked hard on all his lessons. He is wild and fun and always full of spirit! He is also very cute. John-Boy is very proud to be Native. His family is very proud of him!

He is the son of Carla John and Charles.

We love you John-Boy!

Alvin John

Alvin John is the grandson of Alvin John. Little Al will attend the fifth grade at Sulphur Intermediate School next year. This past year he was a member of the honor roll all year. He is a very handsome native boy who is proud of his native blood. Little Al has a very kind heart and gentle spirit. He tries his best at all he does. He has a great imagination and is a wonderful artist. His family is so proud of him.

He is the son of Carla John and Charles.

We love you "Owl".

Chickasaw Nation Head Start graduates 125 students

Ada Head Start
Back row, from left: Head Start director Danny Wells, Division of Education administrator Lisa John, Gov. Bill Anoatubby, Chickasaw Princess Jessie Miller, Lt. Gov. Jefferson Keel. Third row from left, Cadence Frazier, Lola Stricklin, Jamieson Emarthle, Ashton Bierce, Damon Jefferson, Maegan McDaniel, Jonathan Cozad, Bennita Murphy, Jacee Underwood, Madison Cook, Aiidan Goodwin, Jakobi Williams and Garrett Morgan. Second row from left, Jalen Frazier, Anneli Martinez, Ahmad Moore, Elizabeth Jackson, Camby PoorBuffalo, Riley Youngblood, Brianna Bess, Jacob McCurdy, Aubrey Fleet-Schnieder, Corbin West, Ezra Faulkenberry, Dylan Kelso, Rance Imotichey and Natalia Jackson. Front row from left, Haylie Crewse, Madison Storkel, Justin Higdon, McKayla Bolen, Cade Baldridge, Markus McCarty, Jacky Higdon, Ryan Hamilton, Samuel Hatton, Taylor Brown, Connor Brantley, Paulina Gee Hicks, Anahi Romero and Kambria Welch.

Ardmore Head Start
Back row from left, Melissa West, Audra Pratt, Head Start director Danny Wells, Little Miss Chickasaw Lauren John, Gov. Bill Anoatubby, Chickasaw Princess Jessie Miller, Division of Education administrator Lisa John, Chickasaw Junior Princess Alexis Walker, Gregory Bowens, Lt. Governor Keel, Ashli Baker, Janice Richardson, Kendra Groves, Gayle Baker, Lauri Stevenson, Cynde Lewis, LaDena Parnacher, Beth Harris, Jodi Larkin, Christina Hodges and Mallori Fox. Third row, from left: Chasity Dofelmire, TaKiyah Jackson, Kassi Latimer, Michael Dominguez, Briley Pratt, Miranda Hernandez, Ashley Lopez, Renee Marris, Makayla Cronemeyer, Nereyda Martinez, Madison Scruggs, Katelyn Smith, Eunice Godwin, Xzavion Washington, Tayshaun Gay and Derrik Kennedy. Second row, from left: Lathaniel Ramsey, Alexis Collins, Derek Meely, Melanie Lopez, T'marion McGee, Kadence Love, J'Drien McGee, Kaden White, Kassie Burns, Geovanni Tellez, Deshay Stevenson, Emanuel Rivera, Cy'Nia McGee and Daliyah Qurioz. Front row, from left: Reigan Crowell, Jaden Yeager, Jaylen Thompson, Anthony Amador, Brianna Anoatubby, Madison Aylor, Mauro Salazar, Charlie Garcia, Jenna Henson, Zayda Kincannon, Aniah Officer, Maddox Burmeister, Delilah Roberts, Makyla Dixon, Mikal Brown, Marley Sanderson and Elijiah Caton.

Tishomingo Head Start
Back row from left, Gov. Bill Anoatubby, Little Miss Chickasaw Lauren John, Chickasaw Princess Jessie Miller, Chickasaw Junior Princess Alexis Walker and Lt. Governor Jefferson Keel. Middle row, from left: Head Start director Danny Wells, Crispin Cardinalle, Ethan Carter, Aden Carroll, Kelsie Thomas, Jeremiah Updegraff and Division of Education administrator Lisa John. Front row, from left: Breanna Johnston, Christopher Hudson, James Dickerson, Katie Riley and Dakota Cooper.

Sulphur Head Start
Back row, from left: Destiny Berryhill, Savanna Baker, Alexzander Smith, Cooper Coulson, Peyton Brinson, Shalynn Hudson and Kali Loper. Middle row, from left: Education administrator Lisa John, Leslie Nieves, Rafael Ugalde, Ella Scoggins, Huston Holder, Rasey Runyan, Ambry Todd, Reagan Runyan and Head Start director Danny Wells. Front row, from left: Andrea Andres, Alexis Boyd, Randee Freeze, Emily Hays, Mariah Walls, Kali Pogue, Shane Woodruff and LaRehna Smith.

Four Chickasaw Nation Head Start graduations were conducted during the month of May. A total of 125 Head Start students from the Ada, Ardmore, Sulphur and Tishomingo Head Start Centers graduated.

Graduates from each center celebrated graduation by performing skits and singing songs for family members, friends and guests. Chickasaw Nation dignitaries, center directors, supervisors, teachers and staff members congratulated and awarded graduates during the ceremonies.

"Graduating from Head Start is an important milestone in a child's life," said Gov. Bill Anoatubby. "We are proud of these students and their accomplishments and look forward to many more."

Head Start is a federal program that serves children ages three and four from income-eligible families. The tribe administers the program in the Chickasaw Nation.

The program focuses on the family as the most important influence in a child's life and offers components in education, parent or guardian involvement, health, social services and services for children with disabilities.

Applications for the Head Start program are accepted at the Chickasaw Nation Head Start Centers throughout the service area. Applications may also be mailed or faxed to applicants.

The Head Start program consists of four centers serving more than 200 children throughout the Chickasaw Nation.

For more information about the Chickasaw Nation Head Start program and to obtain an application, contact the education department at 580-421-7711, an area Head Start center or visit www.Chickasaw.net.

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Head Start volunteers honored for service to program

Chickasaw Nation Head Start parents and volunteers were honored during the Head Start Parent Appreciation Dinner May 10 at the Chickasaw Nation Community Center in Ada.

The tribal Division of Education recognized parents, volunteers and staff members from the Ada, Ardmore, Sulphur and Tishomingo Head Starts. Certificates and plaques were presented to several parents and volunteers for being committee members and officers, policy council representatives, top classroom and center volunteers, foster grandparents and reading volunteers.

Division of Education administrator Lisa John presents the Head Start Community Volunteer of the Year Award to Rachel Wood.

Division of Education administrator Lisa John presents the Head Start Parent Volunteer of the Year Award to Rachel Cooper.

Two "Volunteer of the Year" awards were presented. Rachel Wood received the Community Volunteer of the Year Award and Rachel Cooper received the Parent Volunteer of the Year Award. Tishomingo Head Start students were recognized for reading the most books and having the most reader volunteers.

For more information about the Chickasaw Nation Head Start program, contact Head Start director Danny Wells at (580) 421-7711, an area Head Start center or visit www.Chickasaw.net.

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Child care providers noted

Stratford day care owner Ann Wilkerson, left, receives a grant from tribal Child Care director Michelle Key during the Provider Appreciation Dinner May 6.

The Chickasaw Nation Division of Education Child Care Department hosted the 2010 Provider Appreciation Dinner May 6 at the Murray County Expo Center in Sulphur, Okla. The dinner recognized child care providers within the Chickasaw Nation.

Representatives from many child care facilities were in attendance. Magician Magical Michael entertained the gathering and a number of providers received door prizes.

The Child Care Department awarded representatives from each facility with a Child Care Provider Grant to use for facility improvements or educational needs.

The Provider Appreciation Dinner is organized each year to recognize child care facilities within the Chickasaw Nation boundaries that provide care for Native American children.

For additional information about the child care program, contact child care director Michelle Key at (580) 421-7711 or visit www.Chickasaw.net.

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Rising Chickasaw college freshmen awarded scholarships at Student Appreciation Night

Governor's Scholarship recipients present at Student Appreciation Night are, from left, Miranda Willis, Macy Hilburn, Jordan Scott, Sara Folsom and John McAlester.

The Chickasaw Nation Division of Education recognized several Chickasaw students at the 2010 Student Appreciation Night Tuesday, May 11 at the Chickasaw Nation Community Center in Ada.

Chickasaw students were presented the Governor's, Lt. Governor's, Legislators' and Johnson O'Malley Scholarship awards as well as Millennium Scholarship awards.

Scholarship and award recipients are listed below.

Millennium Scholarship recipients (2.5 GPA or higher) - $1,000:

Catie Newport, Jordan Scott and Nacobi Walker, Ada High School; Nychole Brown and Cala Pickens, Ardmore High School; Aaron Moschitto, Atwater High School; William Davis, Blanchard High School; Chaylum Hogue, Brady Jennings and Laura Strong, Byng High School; Grannon Billingsley, Cache High School; Amberleana Sweeney, Catoosa High School; Ashley Morgan, C.E. Byrd High School; Jacquelyn Higdon, Chattanooga High School; Karnie Gilliam and Robynne Lambert, Coalgate High School; Brooke Cox, Duncan High School; Charissa Jones, El Reno High School; Cory Williamson, Geary High School; Allison Wilson, Glenpool High School; Matthew Riesen, Heritage Hall High School; Brandon Orr, Jenks High School; Brooke Caudle, Joshua High School; Mara Yatsik, Kodiak High School; Jared Alexander, Desiree' Lyon and Tyler Reeves, Latta High School; Joseph Johnson, Lone Grove High School; MorganThorne, MacArthur High School; Ashley Gorman, McKay High School; Courtney Shobe, Moore High School; Tyler Iago, Newcastle High School; Adele Levine, Newton North High School; Zachary Adams, Parkview Christian Academy;

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April 2010 Outstanding Achievement Award recipients

Dakota Brownrigg

Dakota, son of Sheila Brownrigg, of Ada, Okla., is an April 2010 recipient of the Chickasaw Honor Club Outstanding Achievement Award in Academics.

Dakota Brownrigg

Dakota is in the third grade at Latta Elementary School and was nominated by teacher Ms. Tisha Martin.

"Dakota has a good heart and works hard in his classes," said Ms. Martin. "He has shown a lot of improvement in academics and enjoys reading."

Dakota's hobbies include video games, playing with his dogs, swimming, fishing and watching car races.

"I love all animals and want to be a veterinarian, so that I can take care of them when I get older," said Dakota.

Devon Chapman

Devon, son of Tashina Chapman, of Ada, Okla., is an April 2010 recipient of the Chickasaw Honor Club Outstanding Achievement Award for Tribal Language.

Devon Chapman

Devon is in the fourth grade at Byng Elementary School and was nominated by teacher's aide and bus driver Ms. Tawana Townsend.

"Devon recently placed third in the group category at the University of Oklahoma Language Fair," said Ms. Townsend. "He is trusted by his peers and is the type of student you can be proud of."

Devon enjoys sports, playing with his friends and watching WWE SmackDown. He also participates in Byng gymnastics and the Byng Chickasaw class.

Jesse Clark

Jesse, son of Trevor and Kristi Clark, of Stratford, Okla., is an April 2010 recipient of the Chickasaw Honor Club Outstanding Achievement Award for Overall Student.

Jesse Clark

Jesse is in the second grade at Stratford Elementary School and was nominated by Indian education coordinator Ms. Angela Martin.

"Jesse is a great student and is very deserving of this honor," said Ms. Martin.

Jesse's favorite subject is spelling and he likes playing sports, going to church and quoting famous lines from movies.

Jesse is a member of the Chickasaw Honor Club, Superintendent's Honor Roll and has won the Stratford Student of the Month award. While in the first grade, he won third place in the Stratford Elementary Spelling Bee.

Zachary Driemeyer

Zachary, son of Timothy and Mary Driemeyer, of House Springs, Mo., is an April 2010 recipient of the Chickasaw Honor Club Outstanding Achievement Award for Law.

Zachary Driemeyer

Zachary is in the fifth grade at Crestwood Elementary School and was nominated by teacher Ms. Cindy Kapodistrias.

"Zachary has always displayed a high degree of integrity, responsibility and ambition," said Ms. Kapodistrias. "In addition to his excellent scholastic accomplishment, he has proven his leadership ability by being a positive role model to his peers."

"In March I went to the state capitol to receive the Glory of Missouri Award for law," said Zachary. "I toured the capitol and sat in the chair of a representative."

The Glory of Missouri Award is presented by the Missouri House of Representatives.

Zachary's hobbies include playing the cello and guitar, fishing and swimming. He also enjoys reading and playing with his friends.

Sylence Gore

Sylence, daughter of Daniel Gore and Jennifer Edwards, of Stratford, Okla., is an April 2010 recipient of the Chickasaw Honor Club Outstanding Achievement Award in Academics.

Sylence Gore

Sylence is in the fifth grade at Stratford Elementary School and was nominated by Indian education coordinator Ms. Angela Martin.

"Sylence is a sweet young lady who does well in school and athletics," said Ms. Martin.

Sylence's hobbies include basketball, softball and track.

"My future plans are to go to college and beauty school," said Sylence.

Micah Hart

Micah, son of Nathan Hart and Jeannie Barbour, of Ada, Okla., is an April 2010 recipient of the Chickasaw Honor Club Outstanding Achievement Award for Film Making.

Micah Hart

Micah is a sophomore at Latta High School and was nominated by marketing teacher Ms. Stacy Oakley.

"Micah has won awards for the work he has done on the history of the Chickasaw Nation," said Ms. Oakley. "This spring he created a video about texting while driving. It was recognized in the House of Representatives and used in the campaign for the legislature."

Micah is also the Oklahoma State DECA videographer for the state multimedia show.

Micah's interests include videography, art and writing. He also volunteers for March of Dimes and Relay for Life.

"My future plans are to attend film school at UCLA and become a film maker and movie director," said Micah.

Molly Humphrey

Molly, daughter of Randy Humphrey and Sheila Cobb, of Stratford, Okla., is an April 2010 recipient of the Chickasaw Honor Club Outstanding Achievement Award in Academics.

Molly Humphrey

Molly is in the fourth grade at Stratford Elementary School and was nominated by Indian education coordinator Ms. Angela Martin.

"Molly is a very hard worker and has been in the Chickasaw Honor Club since second grade," said Ms. Martin. "She is a polite and thoughtful young lady who is very deserving of this award."

Molly enjoys playing soccer, cooking with her dad and taking care of her puppy.

"I plan to go to college and become a famous soccer player and singer," said Molly.

Hunter Luna

Hunter, son of Paul and Stephanie Luna, of Sulphur, Okla., is an April 2010 recipient of the Chickasaw Honor Club Outstanding Achievement Award for Overall Student.

Hunter Luna

Hunter is a freshman at Sulphur High School and was nominated by teacher Ms. Dani Spencer.

"Hunter is very dependable and helps other students in the classroom," said Ms. Spencer. "He is a talented member of the SHS band and became a member of the SHS academic team this year, where he proved himself to be an asset to the team."

Hunter's hobbies include reading and playing video games. He is also a member of the Sulphur High School baseball team.

"I plan to attend college at the University of Oklahoma and study meteorology," said Hunter.

Nathaniel Rodgers

Nathaniel, son of Preston and Debbie Rodgers, of Ada, Okla., is an April 2010 recipient of the Chickasaw Honor Club Outstanding Achievement Award in Music.

Nathaniel Rodgers

Nathaniel is in the eighth grade at Latta Junior High and was nominated by music teacher Ms. Debbie Allen.

"Nathaniel is a team player and does whatever it takes to make the entire music ensemble successful," said Ms. Allen. "He enjoys helping his peers and is developing a greater appreciation for culture and music."

Nathaniel's hobbies are his computer, listening to music, playing video games and learning to play the guitar. He is a member of the Chickasaw Honor Club and Latta Junior High Gifted and Talented.

"I plan to attend college and pursue a degree in performing arts or information technology," said Nathaniel.

Matthew Stafford

Matthew, son of David and Jeri Stafford, of Seminole, Okla., is an April 2010 recipient of the Chickasaw Honor Club Outstanding Achievement Award in Athletics.

Matthew Stafford

Matthew is in the fifth grade at Pleasant Grove Elementary School and was nominated by physical education teacher Ms. Bobbi Sutherland.

"Matthew has excellent sportsmanship and is always willing to help other students when we are learning a new activity," said Ms. Sutherland. "He has earned the Presidential Fitness Award and the Sportsmanship Award three times this year."

Matthew's favorite subjects in school are social studies and history. He also enjoys playing basketball, baseball and cooking.

"My plans are to play baseball at Stanford University and become a chef or a professor," said Matthew.

Bradley Stick

Bradley, son of Tammi Stick, of Ada, Okla., is an April 2010 recipient of the Chickasaw Honor Club Outstanding Achievement Award for Tribal Language.

Bradley Stick

Bradley is a freshman at Byng Junior High and was nominated by Indian education coordinator Ms. Stephanie DelFrate.

"Bradley is a very intelligent young man and is serious about his education," said Ms. DelFrate. "He placed second in the spoken language category at the University of Oklahoma Language Fair and received the Byng Johnson O'Malley Outstanding Male Student Award."

Bradley's hobbies are playing golf and running.

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Rehabilitation of hearing issue meets with success

Indian teacher makes her way back to first love - the classroom

After rehabilitation, Paula Hess is back in the classroom doing what she loves - helping students.

Paula Hess, a 58-year-old citizen of the Muscogee Creek Nation, has always had a love for teaching and has been a teacher most of her life. When Ms. Hess developed hearing loss in 2008, it was the Chickasaw Nation Vocational Rehabilitation Department that helped her get back to doing what she loves.

"I am very appreciative to the Chickasaw Nation Vocational Rehabilitation Department for the assistance provided in improving my overall quality of life, both in and out of the classroom," said Ms. Hess.

Ms. Hess was having difficulty communicating effectively with her students due to her hearing loss. Consequently, she began to develop anxiety and depression issues due to the way her hearing loss was impacting her ability to interact at school and at home.

"One of the most difficult challenges Paula has faced was the hearing loss that, at one point, almost led to her leaving her position as a teacher, which she loves," said vocational rehabilitation director Michelle Wilson. "Instead of resigning, she began to look for help."

Ms. Hess was evaluated by the Carl Albert Indian Health Facility Audiology Department, which determined surgery was not an option to correct her hearing loss. They referred her to the vocational rehabilitation department for assistance with adjusting to her new disability.

Ms. Hess was determined to continue her teaching career. She worked with her vocational rehabilitation counselor to find the assistive technology she needed to help her perform the essential functions of her job. The vocational rehabilitation department was able to help Ms. Hess purchase a Frequency Modulated Hearing Enhancer. The volume-controlled hearing enhancer is connected to the consumer's hearing aids and can be worn around her neck or placed on a table depending on her particular needs at the moment.

"After I started using the FM Hearing Enhancer, communication is much more effective with my students," Ms. Hess said. "Even interacting socially with people is so much easier with the use of the enhancer."

"The department is extremely proud of Ms. Hess for overcoming the adversity she has faced and sees her as a shining example to others who are struggling to overcome obstacles because of a disability," said Ms. Wilson.

The Chickasaw Nation Vocational Rehabilitation Department works closely with participants to create an individualized plan that will help achieve goals of employment. The department served more than 300 American Indians with disabilities in 2009.

The vocational rehabilitation department provides several forms of assistance including individual vocational guidance and counseling, direct job placement, college assistance and medical evaluations, just to name a few. For more information about these services, please contact the Chickasaw Nation Vocational Rehabilitation Department at 580-421-7711 or visit www.Chickasaw.net.

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"After high school I plan to join the Air Force," said Bradley.

Taylor Swanek

Taylor, son of Kimber Taylor, of Stillwater, Okla., is an April 2010 recipient of the Chickasaw Honor Club Outstanding Achievement Award for Overall Student.

Taylor Swanek

Taylor is a freshman at Stillwater Junior High and was nominated by teacher Ms. Allison Watson.

"Taylor is active at our school, participating in extracurricular clubs and sports, while also maintaining good grades," said Ms. Watson. "As a freshman, he served as president of the Indian Student Association and has been a great leader."

Taylor enjoys reading, listening to his iPod, hanging out with friends and family and playing sports. He is on the football and track team at his school. In addition, he is a member of the First Christian Church Disciples of Christ and is active in the church's youth group.

"My future goals are to attend college at Oklahoma State University," said Taylor. "My great uncle, Charles F. Lester, was the first Pistol Pete mascot at OSU and I would love to follow in that tradition."

Timothy Tharp

Timothy, son of Keith and Lisa Tharp, of Fruitvale, Texas, is an April 2010 recipient of the Chickasaw Honor Club Outstanding Achievement Award in Athletics.

Timothy Tharp

Timothy is in the sixth grade at Grace Christian School and was nominated by coach Mr. Tyler Yates.

"Timothy is a bright, outstanding young athlete," said Mr. Yates. "He puts forth a lot of effort and was an asset to our basketball team this season."

"I love playing sports and being part of a team," said Timothy.

Jeremiah Weeden

Jeremiah, son of Gary and Cheryl Weeden, of Coalgate, Okla., is an April 2010 recipient of the Chickasaw Honor Club Outstanding Achievement Award in FFA.

Jeremiah Weeden

Jeremiah is in the eighth grade at Wallace Byrd Middle School and was nominated by agriculture education instructor Mr. Gary McDonald.

"Jeremiah is an excellent scholar and has proven to be imaginative, industrious and talented," said Mr. McDonald. "He is one of the most mature students I have taught and will experience much success in his life."

Jeremiah serves as the president of the student council and is involved in FFA and 4-H. He enjoys showing pigs and goats. He also won first place for singing Choctaw hymns at the University of Oklahoma Language Fair.

"My goal for the future is to be a leader in tribal affairs," said Jeremiah.

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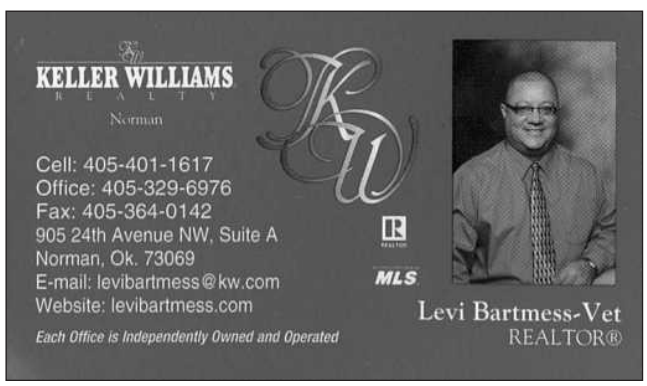

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Student musician receives 'bluegrass scholarship'

Katie Barrick

Chickasaw student and violinist Katie Barrick has received a scholarship from the Oklahoma International Bluegrass Festival, Inc.

"I'm very excited to receive this scholarship again," Katie said. "The Oklahoma International Bluegrass Festival provides great opportunities for young musicians to explore bluegrass."

This scholarship marks the fourth Katie has received.

The Oklahoma International Bluegrass Festival supports youth through music scholarships and continuing music opportunities.

Festival scholarships have allowed Katie to take special lessons and travel to other areas for camps that expand her knowledge of the genre.

In addition to receiving the financial scholarship, Katie was invited to perform at the festival this October.

"That's one of the coolest things about the scholarship," she said, "getting to perform and interact with so many musicians that have been playing bluegrass forever."

Katie is also a student of the Chickasaw Summer Arts Academy and is one of many students who have seen positive results from the camp.

Earlier this year, Katie and 10 other Arts Academy composition students had the opportunity to have their music played by Juilliard-trained group ETHEL and recorded onto CD for national distribution.

Katie was glad to bring a little bluegrass influence to the project.

"It was exciting to add my compositions for the fiddle into something that was a little more classical," she said.

The Oklahoma International Bluegrass Festival was established in 1996 with a mission of organizing a world-class festival, supporting the bluegrass industry in Oklahoma and educating the people of Oklahoma and beyond about bluegrass music.

Katie is the daughter of Roland and Melissa Barrick, of Calera, Okla.

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Samantha Wilcox, Poteet High School; Corey Vaughan, Rose Hill High School; Stephanie Phillips, Sallisaw High School; Amanda Brown, S&S Consolidated High School; Shianna Burris, Sequoyah High School; Kayla Wood and Elizabeth Yochum, Tishomingo High School; Luke Norton, Velma-Alma High School; Jennifer McCreary and Jordan McCreary, Waco High School; Macy Hilburn, Wapanucka High School; Sean Dunn, Western Branch High School; Miara Douglas, Westmoore High School; Sara Folsom, Wayne High School;

Janis Taliaferro, Word of Life Academy and Miranda Willis, Wynnewood High School

Governor's Scholarship recipients (3.95 GPA of higher) - $500:

Jordan Scott, Ada High School; Aaron Moschitto, Atwater High School; Grannon Billingsley, Cache High School; Abbey Johnson, Carlton J. Kell High School; Jacquelyn Higdon, Chattanooga High School; Andrew Meredith, Claremore High School; Brooke Cox, Duncan High School; Erin Davis, Durant High School; Carley Yates, Edmond North High School; Samantha Wilson, Eufaula High School; Matthew Riesen, Heritage Hall High School; Andrea Williams, Huntington High School; Mara Yatsik, Kodiah High School; Sara Miller, Latta High School; Tawsha Mathis, Lone Grove High School; Morgan Thorne, MacArthur High School; John McAlester, McAlester High School; Ashley Gorman, McKay High School; Brandon Tolbert, McKinney High School; Tyler Iago, Newcastle High School; Brett Bigbie, Norman North High School; Katherine Underwood, Northeast Academy; Samantha Wilcox, Poteet High School; Eric McGowen, Purcell High School; Chad Stephens, Putnam City North H.S.; Shianna Burris, Sequoyah High School; Hailey Maytubby, Stockdale High School; Markie Laferney, Tuttle High School; Jennifer McCreary and Jordan McCreary, Waco High School; Macy Hilburn, Wapanucka High School; Sara Folsom, Wayne High School; Miara Douglas, Westmoore High School; Janis Taliaferro, Word of Life Academy; Miranda Willis, Wynnewood High School and Tessa Henry, Yukon High School

Lt. Governor's Scholarship recipients (3.90 GPA or higher) - $400:

Hayley Walsh, Brazoswood High School; Cory Williamson, Geary High School; Desiree' Lyon, Latta High School; Hullinger Luke, Norman High School; Garrett Goldsby, Purcell High School; Aaron White, R. L. Paschal High School;

Dara Herndon, SW Christian Academy and Maycee Long, Tuttle High School

Legislators' Scholarship recipients (3.85 GPA or higher) - $350:

Catie Newport, Ada High School; Samuel Collins, Allen High School; Tanner Hudson, Davis High School; Hanna Bradbury, Hotchkiss High School; Adele Levine, Newton North High School and Myla Helm, Stratford High School

Johnson O'Malley Scholarship recipients - $300:

Brady Jennings, Byng High School and Macy Hilburn, Wapanucka High School

Summer scholarship and grant applications are due June 15. For more information about scholarships and grants, contact the division of education at 580-421-7711.

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This could be you!

Chickasaw Princesses from left, Jr. Miss Chickasaw Alexis Walker, Little Miss Chickasaw Lauren John and Miss Chickasaw Jessie Miller.

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Student panel helps teachers understand needs

Educators study techniques to connect with Indian students

EDMOND, Okla. – The challenges and opportunities teachers encounter when interacting with Native American students are diverse and often stimulating. How to better connect with those students is a discussion gaining momentum in the country.

More than 50 educators from across Oklahoma met May 22 to discuss teaching and working with Native American students. The sixth annual American Indian Learners Conference was conducted at the University of Central Oklahoma in Edmond.

The conference helps teachers examine the relationships between American Indian students and their teachers, administrators and curricula.

New this year was a Student Leadership Panel consisting of Native American university students.

Kyle Gardner, a Choctaw/Comanche student at East Central (OK) University and a member of the student panel, said Native American role models and support were essential in helping students succeed and continue their education.

"Many Native American students are first-generation college students," he said, "so it's easy for them to be discouraged and be lost in the shuffle."

Robin Williams, a panelist and University of Oklahoma student, said the tight-knit family unit of most Native Americans can also benefit a child's education.

"It's so important to involve the students' families in their education," she said.

Pat Kopepasah, secretary of the Anadarko (OK) Public Schools Indian Education program, said the conference broadened her perspective regarding Native American students.

"It has been helpful to realize there are so many variations just among the tribes within the state," she said, "and they all have different backgrounds to work with."

Other special sessions included Seminole Nation Chief Enoch Kelly Haney, who presented a lecture on leadership through education; Russ Tall Chief, who spoke on the role of American Indian art in education; and Chickasaw Nation Division of Arts and Humanities administrator Lona Barrick who spoke on "The State of Creativity and Arts Leadership."

Participants also enjoyed "make and take" sessions where they gained hands-on experience in traditional crafts such as leather pouches and clay platters.

The conference is co-sponsored by the Chickasaw Nation, the Choctaw Nation, the Muscogee (Creek) Nation, the Kiowa Nation, the American Indian Cultural Center and Museum, Oklahoma Center for Arts Education, and the Oklahoma Folklife Council.

For more information on future conferences, visit the Oklahoma Center for Arts Education's website at www.ocae.net.

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Chickasaw Nation art instructor Trina Jones guides American Indian Learners Conference teachers in a make and take craft session. The session was one of many during the conference to give educators ideas on how to connect with their Native American students.

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OKC Wolfpack takes championship in 3rd Annual Chickasaw Foundation T-Ball Tournament

The Chickasaw Foundation's 3rd Annual T-Ball Tournament was played April 30 – May 1, 2010 at Kiwanis Baseball Park in Ada, Oklahoma. Kennedy Brown, Chairman of the Chickasaw Foundation, set the first pitch.

Participating teams included the Cardinals, Lil Sluggers, The Naturals, Lil Twisters, Wanette Tigers, Seminole Heat, Seminole Knockouts, Stonewall Itsy Bitsy Horns and the Oklahoma City Wolf Pack. The Most Valuable Players (MVP) were Timmy Burden of the Oklahoma City Wolf Pack for offense and Zane Chavez representing the Seminole Knockouts for defense. Each player received a medal.

Tournament champions were the Oklahoma City Wolf Pack. The team received a plaque, bat bags, bats, a catcher's kit and "Champion" t-shirts. Team members included Gabe Henry, Tristan Aduddell, Carson Hennessee, Isaac Vaughn, Jackson Sprayberry, Evan Hamilton, Zane Chavez, Tyler Koonce, Cade Erickson, Brady Clifton, Garrett Britt and Garrett Humann.

The Seminole Knockouts were runners-up and received a plaque, bat bags, a catcher's kit and "Runner-Up" t-shirts. Team members included Dakota Duncan, Noah Smith, Justin Mack, Austin Payn, Gavin Morris, Gahe Fiegener, Kailas Mack, Jaedon Hennen, Timmy Burden, Hunter Gates and Halen Numnelley.

In third place were the Naturals. The team received a plaque and a bag of coupons from various sponsors. Team members included Tallen Bagwell, Cooper Christian, Jackson Swopes, Brodie Straubus, Erik Hatton, Jakob Hisaw, Wyatt Knickmeyer, Kaleb Goodwin, Walker Chandler, Reece Jordan, Carson Abbott and Nik Schroeder.

Contests in base-running, accuracy throwing and a home-run derby were conducted during the tournament. Participants received a ribbon while those placing 1st-3rd in each event received a medal.

The Most Valuable Players (MVP) were from left, Zane Chavez representing the Seminole Knockouts for defense and Timmy Burden of the Oklahoma City Wolf Pack for offense.

Chickasaw Foundation 3rd Annual T-Ball Tournament champions, Oklahoma City Wolf Pack.

Nikki Nelson named Chickasaw Foundation 'Student of the Month'

Nikki Nelson has been named April 2010 "Student of the Month." She is a senior at Velma-Alma High School and has been a member of Upward Bound since she was a freshman.

Nikki Nelson

Nikki has participated in many volunteer activities while attending the Chickasaw Foundation Upward Bound. She is involved in the Velma-Alma High School band, color guard and academic team.

Nikki represented the Upward Bound at the leadership conference in Oklahoma City in April. She credits Upward Bound with her desire to attend college, learning to become a leader and finding her voice.

Her future plans include attending Murray State College this summer and then transferring to Cameron University in the fall.

Chickasaw Foundation Upward Bound students volunteer for Children's Fair, attend leadership conference

Chickasaw Foundation Upward Bound students participating in one of the many activities provided at the annual Children's Fair.

Chickasaw Foundation Upward Bound Student Leadership Council.

The Chickasaw Foundation Upward Bound students recently took part in National Volunteer Month by donating their time for the Annual Chickasaw Nation Children's Fair April 24.

Students worked various booths and tables that offered a wide assortment of arts and crafts for children including face-painting, dough creating, colored sugar art and a favorite - fishing for healthy snacks. Throughout April, the students have been learning the importance of giving back to one's community through volunteering as well its potential significance when applying for scholarships and to institutions for higher learning.

The Annual Upward Bound Student Leadership Conference was April 9-10 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Oklahoma City.

Twelve students, chosen by their academic advisors with criteria such as their GPA level and participation in Upward Bound monthly activities, participated in a two-day conference sponsored by the Panhandle State University Upward Bound. Prior to the opening banquet, which featured keynote speakers Jaime Ortiz and Molly O'Conner, the students were given a campus-wide tour of the University of Central Oklahoma. The banquet was preceded by a breakout session, to allow the students from Upward Bound programs across the state to become acquainted, followed by a dance. The next morning students participated in a number of workshops focused on the demonstration of leadership qualities and team-building activities.

The knowledge and experience from the annual Upward Bound Student Leadership Conference will benefit the students in future aspirations as well as the upcoming Upward Bound summer session.

America the Beautiful Fund grant to Foundation

The Chickasaw Foundation has received a grant from the America the Beautiful Fund, Washington, D.C. The grant is for free seeds to community groups striving to better our world through gardening.

The grant received by the Chickasaw Foundation will be utilized by the Chickasaw Nation Community Garden program.

This program is active with the Chickasaw Nation seniors, needy Chickasaw citizens, local community and school groups and other Native American citizens. The program's goal is to promote the benefits of vegetable and flower growing.

Educational tours are given throughout the year at the horticultural site to show each person can make a positive impact on nature by being a good steward of the earth.

Summer Food Service Program to provide meals for children in four communities

The Chickasaw Nation Nutrition Services Department will participate in the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Summer Food Service Program. Through this program, meals will be provided to all children between the ages of one and 18, without charge, at the dates/times listed for the following sites, including the first ever daily feeding site in Glenwood Park, Ada.

Ada

Glenwood Park, 825 W. 10th

June 1 – July 30 (excluding July 5)

Lunch will be served from 12:30 – 1 p.m.

Camp Ground of the Free Will Baptist Church, 8894 State Highway 3W

June 7 – 11 and June 21 – 25

Breakfast will be served from 8 – 8:30 a.m.

Lunch will be served from noon – 12:30 p.m.

Chickasaw Nation Education Building, 300 Rosedale

June 28 – July 2

Breakfast will be served from 8 – 8:30 a.m.

Lunch will be served from noon – 12:30 p.m.

Chickasaw Nation Old Community Center, 520 East Arlington

July 6 – 7 and July 21 - 23

Lunch will be served from noon – 12:30 p.m.

A snack will be provided from 3 – 3:30 p.m.

Ada High School Football Field, 223 W. 18th

July 8 -10

Breakfast will be served from 10 – 10:30 a.m.

A snack will be provided from 3 – 3:30 p.m.

Chickasaw Nation Family Life Center, 229 West Seabrook Road

July 15 - 17

Breakfast will be served from 10 – 10:30 a.m.

Chickasaw Nation Youth and Family Services Grounds, 229 West Seabrook Road

Aug. 21

Lunch will be served from 11:30 a.m. – noon

Ardmore

Plainview High School, 1140 South Plainview

July 15 – 17

A snack will be provided from 2 – 2:30 p.m.

Tishomingo

Chickasaw Nation Tishomingo Boys and Girls Club, 997 South Byrd

June 7 – July 30

Breakfast will be served from 8:30 – 9 a.m.

A snack will be provided from 3 – 3:30 p.m.

Sulphur

Chickasaw Nation Sulphur Boys and Girls Club, 1021 West 9th Street

June 7 – July 30

Breakfast will be served from 8:30 – 9 a.m.

A snack will be provided from 3 – 3:30 p.m.

Besides these, the Nutrition Services Department also serves two residential sites:

Camp Survivor at Camp Classen and

Chickasaw Foundation Upward Bound Program at Murray State College

For more information, please contact Debbie Zachary at (580) 272-5368.

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CHICKASAW COMMUNITY COUNCILS and EVENTS

For a complete listing of Chickasaw Nation camps, academies and other events visit www.chickasaw.net

OKLAHOMA

ADA
Adult Tennis
June 14-17, (580) 310-6620

OBI Blood Drive
July 2, (580) 436-3980

ARDMORE
Community Crop Walk
June 12, (580) 310-6620

CONNERVILLE
Connerville Area Chickasaw Community Council
3rd Monday at 6:30 p.m.
Tony Poe, 580-421-4994

KINGSTON
Chickasaws of Texoma
Quarterly Meetings at 6:30 p.m.
Ruth McAdoo, (580) 564-6803

Marshall County Chickasaw Community Council
2nd Tuesday at 7:00 p.m.
Sarah Lea, (580) 564-4570

KULLIHOMA
Stomp Dance
July 23, (580) 332-8685

NEWCASTLE
Northern Pontotoc Chickasaw Community Council
2nd Thursday at 7:00 p.m.
Todd Griffith, 405-615-1303

OKLAHOMA CITY
OKC Metro Chickasaw Community Council
1st Tuesday at 7:00 p.m.
Linda O'Hagan, 405-350-3311

PURCELL
Purcell Chickasaw Community Council
4th Tuesday at 6:00 p.m.
John Hobbs, 405-922-3926

TISHOMINGO
Rabies Clinic
June 17, (580) 622-2888

Summer Film Series
June 18, (580) 371-3351

Rabies Clinic
June 24, (580) 622-2888

Rabies Clinic
July 1, (580) 622-2888

Summer Film Series
July 23, (580) 371-3351

Johnston County Chickasaw Community Council
3rd Monday at 6:30 p.m., every other month
Ann Fink, 580-371-3351

ARIZONA
Chickasaws of Arizona
Quarterly meetings- Phoenix, AZ
Angie Ott, 480-834-7309

CALIFORNIA

Inland Empire/Desert Cities Chickasaw Community Council
Quarterly Meetings-Ontario, CA
William Chandler, 714-604-5224

Northern California Chickasaw Citizen Connection
Chickasaw Outreach, 866-466-1481

COLORADO

Chickasaw Community Council of Colorado
Quarterly Meetings- Denver area
Stephen Bingham, 303-377-4637

KANSAS

Chickasaw Community Council of Wichita
Quarterly Meetings- Wichita, KS
Lynn Stumblingbear, 316-945-9219 or Pam Harjo, 316-393-0696

LOUISIANA

Northern Louisiana Chickasaws
Quarterly Meetings- Monroe, LA
Chickasaw Outreach, 866-466-1481

NEW ENGLAND

New England Chickasaws
Quarterly Meetings- Enfield, CT
Chickasaw Outreach, 866-466-1481

NEW MEXICO

New Mexico Chickasaw Community Council
Quarterly Meetings- Albuquerque, NM
Vadare Cornelison, 505-332-1776

NORTH CAROLINA

Chickasaws of North Carolina
Quarterly Meetings- Fayetteville, NC
Chickasaw Outreach, 866-466-1481

OREGON/WASHINGTON

Pacific Northwest Chickasaw Community Council
Quarterly Meetings- Portland, OR
Kim Factor, 503-819-3097 or Rena Smith, 503-543-7401

TEXAS

Chickasaw Community Council of Central Texas
2nd Sunday at 1:30 p.m.- Austin, TX
Gene Thompson, 512-258-7919

Chickasaw Community Council of South Texas
2nd Sunday at 1:30 p.m.- San Antonio, TX
Michele Moody, 210-492-2288

North Texas Chickasaw Community Council
3rd Saturday at 2:00 p.m.- Dallas/Fort Worth Area, TX
John C. Atkins, 972-271-0692

Texarkana Chickasaws
Quarterly Meetings- Texarkana, TX
Chickasaw Outreach, 866-466-1481

Tyler E. Reeves

Tyler E. Reeves is a 2010 graduate of Latta High School, Ada, Okla. He is the son of Brian and Tracie Carter and the late Steven D. Reeves. He is the grandson of Doyle and Glenda Crowell, Roger Reeves and Macalyen Duke and the late Willie Wade Duke.

Tyler graduated with honors from Latta High School. He is a member of the National Honor Society and carried a 4.0 Grade Point Average (GPA) for the last two years.

He participated in Distributive Education Clubs of America (DECA), varsity basketball for two years and varsity baseball for four years. He and his teammates made state appearances seven times in the last eight seasons (fall and spring).

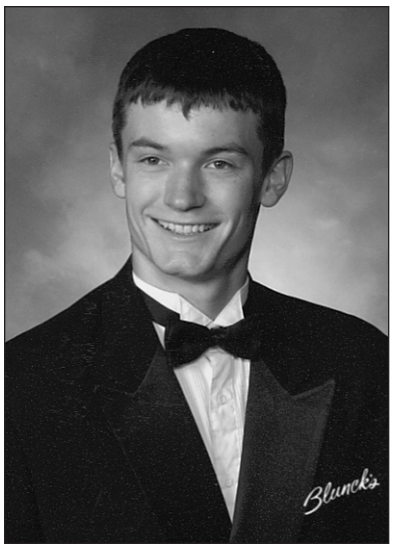
Tyler plans to attend Cowley County Community College, Arkansas City, Kan., on a baseball scholarship to major in business. He will pitch for the Cowley County Tigers.

Carla Pickens

Carla Pickens is a 2010 graduate of Ardmore High School, Ardmore, Okla. She is the daughter of Cordelia Pickens and Calvin Pickens. She is the granddaughter of Verlene Jackson and Tennie Kendricks.

She will graduate with a 3.4 Grade Point Average and 12 concurrent college hours. Carla's achievement include: perfect attendance 2008-2009, Chickasaw Governor's Honor Club 1997-2010, Principal's Honor Roll, Johnson O'Malley Awards 1997-2010, varsity cheer 2008-2010 (captain), basketball 2006-2008, concurrent student at Ardmore Higher Education Center. She was invlolved in the Native American Club, National Junior Honor Society, student council representative, Family Career Community Leaders of America (FCCLA). She was a member of Ardmore's Young Women's Leadership program. Her community service included: Ardmore Village Lodge, HFV Wilson Community Center, and Ardmore soup kitchen.

She has been accepted at the University of Oklahoma and will attend to pursue a degree in dentistry.



Johnny Frost

Johnny Frost is a 2010 graduate of Pauls Valley High School, Pauls Valley, Okla. He is the son of Vernon and Tina Frost. He is the grandson of Ray and Linda Frost and the late Joe and Edith McElhaney.

Johnny has attended the Pauls Valley School System since pre-kindergarten. He plans to continue his work at his job at Standridge Tire Center. His plans are to attend a trade school to work in the field of powerlines.

Nacobi Chantau Walker

Nacobi Chantau Walker is a 2010 graduate of Ada High School, Ada, Okla. She is the daughter of Darrell and Johnna R. (Ellis) Walker. She is the granddaughter of JoAnn Ellis, Clif and Linda Ellis, and Bob and Sally Graham.

Nacobi was a member of Business Professionals of America (BPA) and the Native American Club for three years. She was the Title VII representative for her last two years of high school and a member of Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA), and served as vice-president of Technology Student Association (TSA) for two years. Nacobi was a member of Ada High School ProStart (culinary program), Chikasha Apihchi Ikbi youth leadership program, Faculty Honor Roll, and served as captain of the Ada High Couganns who were the State Pom Champions for Class 5A Mix (last two years). She was a Sweetheart for the American Heart Association's Sweetheart Program of Oklahoma City during her junior year, and served as Junior Miss Chickasaw during her freshman year. She danced for Central Oklahoma Dance Center in Ada for 16 years. Nacobi received the Outstanding Family & Consumer Science Student award, and an award for the Couganns earning their state championship. She is a recipient of the Chickasaw Nation Millennium Scholarship.

She plans to attend East Central University, Ada.

Christopher Bryant Little

Christopher Bryant Little is a 2010 graduate of Longmont High School, Longmont, Colo. He is the son of Leslie G. Nichols and William C. "Chuck" Little. He is the grandson of the late Gordon Lamar Nichols and Dorathy A. Nichols, of Edmond, Okla., and Judith A. Little and Howard W. Little, Madrid, N.Y.

Christopher earned several academic awards including five academic letters, honors roll for all semesters of high school, certificates for earning "A" grades in Advanced Placement Chemistry and Advanced Placement Physics and four Principal's Award for receiving a 4.0 Grade Point Average (GPA) in a semester. He attended the Legacy and Leadership Conference at Oklahoma State University in February 2009 and the 2009 Indigenous Alliance Program University of Colorado at Boulder and was awarded the "Outstanding Participation" achievement. He has been on the Chickasaw Nation's Honor Roll for all semesters of high school and middle school. He is a three-time winner of Most Improved Student from 1st semester to 2nd semester. In addition to maintaining excellent grades, he works as a swim instructor and lifeguard for the City of Longmont. He was named Rookie Lifeguard of the Year in 2008. He volunteers to teach advanced swim techniques to young adults and to tutor students in honors math and science courses. In 2006-2008, he volunteered to coach and referee for the Upwards Bound Youth Basketball League. His senior year he was awarded the Outstanding Achievement in physical education. His extracurricular activities included playing basketball for Longmont High School, participating in Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA), golfing and snowboarding.

His plans are to attend Metropolitan State University of Denver to major in forensic science with an emphasis in physics and ballistics.

Michelle Marie Kellner

Michelle Marie Kellner is a 2010 graduate of Salt River High School, Scottsdale, Ariz. She is the daughter of Shanon Shaw. She is the sister to Jennifer and Alia. She is the granddaughter of David and Marilyn Kellner and the great-granddaughter of Tonopah Colbert.

Michelle has been involved with the Arizona Renaissance Festival, Mayors Court, Royal Court and Pleasure Feast Hall Tower. She lettered in cheerleader, cheer captain and Salt River MVP Cheerleader. She attended pow wows and participated as a fancy shawl dancer. She was a member of the Principal's Honor Roll, Chickasaw Nation Honor Club, received the Chickasaw Nation Outstanding Achievement Award, named student of the semester for choir, U.S. History, English, Science, a member of the yearbook staff, photography, senior advisory board, JROTC Staff Sergeant, JROTC Rifle Drill Team, and delegate of Salt River High School to attend American Legion Auxiliary Arizona Girls State at the University of Arizona. She attended the Scottsdale Community College summer dance program and Scottsdale Community College advance dance program. She earned her SSI Scuba certificate, SCUBA specialty diver, underwater environment, underwater photographer, night diver, and SCUBA Rescue Diver certification.

Her plans are to attend college.

Her family is very proud of her and all her accomplishments!

Samantha Wilcox

Samantha Wilcox is a 2010 graduate of Poteet High School, Mesquite, Texas. She is the daughter of Winn and Jana Wilcox, of Sunnyvale, Texas. She is the granddaughter of Barbara Barbour and Barry Straughn.

Samantha is a Commended National Merit Scholar with a Grade Point Average (GPA) of 4.0/4.0. She is ranked eighth out of a class of 341. She played varsity basketball and belongs to the Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA). Her community service included World Changers Mission Trip.

She plans to attend Cornell University, Ithaca, N.Y., as a Cornell Traditional Fellow recipient (select group representing less than four percent of the undergraduate populatin who have outstanding achievements in paid work, community service and academics). She plans to major in international studies and art history.

Tara Smithee

Tara Smithee is a 2010 graduate of Stanford University earning a bachelor of science degree in earth systems with a focus in oceans. She is the daughter of Carolyn and Ken Smithee (descendants of the Love Family).

After graduation Tara will continue her education at Stanford University to pursue a master's degree. She plans to work in oceanography.

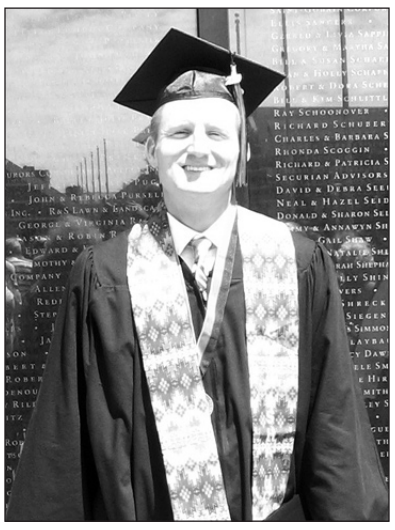
She would like to live in Oklahoma for some time after college to give back to the tribe in whatever aspect she can.

Samuel Frazier

Samuel Frazier is a 2010 graduate of Del City High School, Del City, Okla. He is the son of Lamont and Jeanne Frazier. He is the grandson of Mary and Jerry Murphy, Shirley Wapskineh, Jack Frazier and the late Morris Ned, Jr. He is the great-grandson of Homer and Rena Ned.

Samuel is a member of Glorieta Baptist Church, Oklahoma City. He ran cross country for four years and a member of the track team for three years. He served as class president, a member of National Honor Society, named Outstanding Indian Male by Changing Wind Society and the Oklahoma Pow-Wow Club. He is a scholarship recipient from the American Indian Chamber of Commerce of Oklahoma City and a member of Men of Distinction.

His plans are to attend college.



Daniel Ryan Semrad

Daniel Ryan Semrad is a 2010 graduate of Oklahoma State University, Stillwater. He is the son of Phillip and Susie Semrad.

Daniel received his bachelor of science degree in sociology. Daniel wore his Chickasaw Honors sash during the graduation ceremony.

His plans are to attend dental school.

Chase Aaron Meister

A Chickasaw student has recently earned his bachelor's degree and will enter law school this fall.

Chase Aaron Meister graduated magna cum laude from Arizona State University's Dell Webb College of Engineering and Construction Management in December.

Mr. Meister will begin his legal studies in September at Arizona State's Sandra Day O'Conner School of Law. He will participate in the Indian Legal Program, a degree certificate program specializing in Native American law.

Mr. Meister and fellow Arizona State graduate Hillary Johnson were married in January. Mrs. Meister graduated magna cum laude with a bachelor's degree in psychology.

Mr. Meister is the great-great-great-grandson of Chickasaw leader Edmond Pickens. His great-grandparents, Charles Ambrose Burns and Mollies Pickens, were original enrollees.

He is the son of Richard B. Meister, M.D., of Sacramento, Calif.

Recording of Chickasaw student composers to be released June 29

OSHTALI, featuring the works of 11 Chickasaw Summer Arts Academy students, is set to be released June 29.

This CD, featuring the Grammy-nominated string Quartet ETHEL, will mark the first album release in history with works exclusively by American Indian student composers.

"We are very proud of these incredibly talented students," said Gov. Bill Anoatubby. "Our goal was to inspire these students to pursue their dreams. Now they are the ones offering inspiration to other students as they live out the dream of sharing their compositions with the world."

Alan Bise, Producer/Owner of Thunderbird Records and Co-Producer of OSHTALI, first heard the students' works a few years ago and decided they would make an intriguing project.

"These student works captured my attention by both their complexity and their simplicity," Bise said. "These student compositions are surprisingly sophisticated, and they bring a heritage and point of view to the music unlike anything we are accustomed to hearing. I'm excited to be part of this tribute to both the past and the future of the Chickasaw Nation."

The 11 students, ages 13 to 21, studied music composition at the Chickasaw Summer Arts Academy in 2008 and '09, under the tutelage of Chickasaw composer-in-residence, Jerod Impichchaachaaha' Tate.

"It's a life-changing experience because two years ago, they wrote their first piece ever," Mr. Tate said. "And now they're releasing an album of their works into the classical world."

During the recording session at Oklahoma City University's Wanda L. Bass School of Music earlier this year, the student-composers participated in all aspects of the album recording from start to finish.

According to 13-year old Aubrey Halford, having ETHEL record her compositions, entitled Stages and Lullaby, was a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity.

"It was a great experience to get to work with a group of such prestige," she said.

ETHEL is dedicated to playing contemporary music and has worked with young American Indian composers before.

"We've been so enriched by the people, cultures, and sounds of the Chickasaw Nation that we feel utterly compelled to share them through music," says Ralph Farris, violist for ETHEL.

Mercedes Milligan created the art work for the album cover. Miss Milligan was the winner of a contest conducted by the Chickasaw Nation Division of Arts and Humanities and Thunderbird Records.

Miss Milligan participates in a program of the Division of Arts and Humanities designed to encourage young artists.

Chickasaw Summer Arts Academy students from across the state took part in the ETHEL recording project. Students involved in the project include Kate Duty, Aubrey Halford, Jonothan Bomboy and Courtney Parchcorn, all of Ada; Dylan Bennett, Norman; John McAlester, McAlester; Katie Barrick, Calera; Amanda Shackelford, Lexington; Stasen Whitehead, Atoka; Cruise Berry, Lone Grove, and Ryan May, Bethany.

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About ETHEL

Acclaimed as America's premier postclassical string quartet, ETHEL boldly infuses contemporary concert music with fierce intensity, questioning the boundaries between performer and audience, tradition and technology. Formed in 1998, New York's ebullient ETHEL is comprised of Juilliard-trained performers: Cornelius Dufallo (violin), Ralph Farris (viola), Dorothy Lawson (cello) and Mary Rowell (violin). ETHEL performs adventurous music of the past four decades including repertoire by Julia Wolfe, Phil Kline, David Lang, John Zorn, Steve Reich, Jacob-TV, Scott Johnson, Don Byron, Marcelo Zarvos, Evan Ziporyn, and Mary Ellen Childs. ETHEL's latest recording, Light (Cantaloupe Records), was selected as #3 on Amazon.com's "Best of 2006: Top Classical Editor's Picks." http://www.ethelcentral.com

About Thunderbird Records

Thunderbird Records is dedicated to capturing and preserving the music of contemporary American Indians for distribution across the world. All Thunderbird releases include music by Indian composers or performances by Indian musicians. It strives for the highest artistic integrity as well as exceptional sonic quality in order to provide an outstanding listening experience. http://www.thunderbird-records.com

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Gestational diabetes a warning sign for Native women

Women who develop high blood glucose (blood sugar) levels during pregnancy are said to have gestational diabetes. These women should be tested for diabetes 6 to 12 weeks after their baby is born. In many cases their blood glucose levels show that they are no longer considered to have diabetes. But what many people don't realize is that new moms who had gestational diabetes will continue to have a greater risk for getting diabetes during their entire lifetime. So even if the test for diabetes is normal right after the baby is born, these women should continue to get tested for diabetes at least every three years.

"Many women think that if the follow-up test after the baby is born shows no signs of diabetes, they are in the clear. That is not the case," said Vivian Pinn, MD, Director of the Office of Research on Women's Health (ORWH) at the National Institutes of Health. "They continue to have a greater risk for getting diabetes in the future. The good news is that there are modest but important steps these women can take to prevent or delay developing diabetes."

Gestational diabetes occurs more often in women with a family history of diabetes, obese women and Latina, African American, American Indian, Asian, Pacific Islander, and Alaska Native women. Moms who have had gestational diabetes should be tested on a regular basis for diabetes. It is important they tell their doctors about their history of gestational diabetes. This follow up screening may be a simple blood test. Women who have had gestational diabetes have a two-in-three chance it will return in future pregnancies so they should also talk to their obstetricians if they plan on becoming pregnant again.

Women with a history of gestational diabetes should also make an effort to reach and maintain a healthy weight by making healthy food choices and being active for at least 30 minutes, 5 days a week. Even if women do not reach their "goal" weight, research shows that maintaining a healthy lifestyle can help reduce risk. These action steps are also good for the entire family.

"Children of women who had gestational diabetes are also at risk for obesity and diabetes, so it's a good idea for mothers to let their child's doctor know that they had gestational diabetes," Dr. Pinn said. "Keeping

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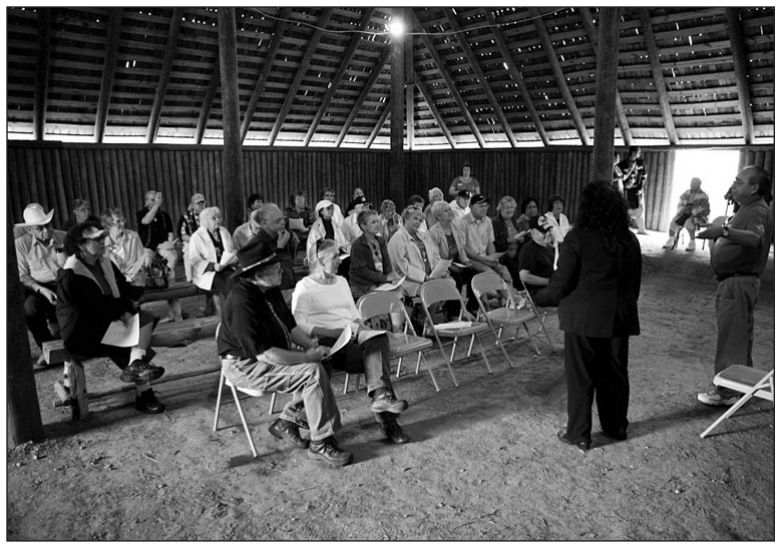
Spring Elders Day at Kullihoma

Event cultural focus brings elders together

Chickasaw elder and artisan Jerry Underwood provides expertise on beading.

Mike McKee



Stanley Smith, senior language master and JoAnn Ellis, tribal language and cultural specialist, present information about the Chickasaw language to fellow seniors during last month's Elders Day at Kullihoma.

KULLIHOMA - This spring's Elders Day centered on elders teaching elders. Sponsored by the Cultural Resources Department of the Chickasaw Nation Division of History and Culture, the semi-annual event was May 7 at Kullihoma.

The event allowed elders to experience a number of cultural demonstrations given by fellow elders. Demonstrations included stomp dancing, Chickasaw language and beading.

Tribal craftsman Jerry Underwood teamed up with Connerville-area senior Doris Davis to lead the beading demonstration. Together, they showed what can be gained from elders sharing their talents with one another.

"Jerry taught me to bead more than three years ago," Davis said. "I would've never thought to start until he came to the senior site to share his knowledge…now I can't stop!"

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Type II diabetes clinical testing headline here

An Oklahoma City clinical research group is seeking people with type II diabetes to participate in clinical testing.

COR Clinical Research is studying several drugs for use with type II diabetes.

If you are interested in participating in the study, contact the clinic at (405) 272-8481 or visit www.CORClinical.com

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a healthy lifestyle as a family is good for everyone. It helps both mom and baby manage their risks for getting diabetes in the future."

For a free tip sheet on gestational diabetes, including steps to reduce the risk of developing diabetes, call the National Diabetes Education Program (NDEP) at 1-888-693-NDEP (6337) or visit their website at www.YourDiabetesInfo.org.

Elders gather at WinStar for programs on multiple senior-focused topics

THACKERVILLE, Okla. - Nearly 200 Chickasaw Nation elders gathered at WinStar World Casino on May 19 for the annual Chickasaw Nation Elders' Conference.

"The Elders' Conference is a chance for the Division on Aging to provide a lot of valuable information to our Chickasaw seniors, said Stacy Wesberry, Director of Senior Information.

"This year, we wanted to focus on services provided by the tribe that might be lesser-known to our elders and also provide outside speakers to discuss current issues that affect them."

Chickasaw Lighthorse Police K9 Unit officers explained their duties and demonstrated the skill of K9 officer "Kaya." Matt Clark and students from the Chickasaw Nation Martial Arts Program shared their talents in Tai Chi.

Other presentations included "Prescription Drug Abuse: A New Social Evolution." Oklahoma Drug Enforcement Agency representative Brittani Lindsey told elders of the growing popularity of recreational use of prescription drugs and how they could help prevent it.

Catheryn Koss of the Senior Law Resource Center discussed how elders could protect themselves and their loved ones from scams and fraud.

Oklahoma City-area elder Jodi Marsh thought the conference was a valuable time for elders to focus on themselves.

"We spend so much time taking care of others that it's nice to receive so much excellent information that is specifically geared toward people of our maturity," she said.

The Elders' Conference was presented in conjunction with the national Older Americans Month. Older Americans Month was established in 1963 by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Administration to acknowledge the contributions of past and current older citizens to the country.

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2009-2010 Tribal Legislature

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Long road following car accident

Chickasaw man stays on healthy track at wellness center

When Steve Walton suffered a car accident in April 2000, he was told he would never run again and would probably walk with a limp.

But Mr. Walton, who wanted to stay active and healthy for his family, never gave up.

The 46-year-old Chickasaw, after spending almost a year in rehabilitation, joined the tribe's Ada Wellness Center in February 2001.

"I just got motivated and said 'I think I can get back to where I was 100 percent,'" Mr. Walton said.

Every morning, he spends about 45 minutes to an hour working out on the arc trainer or the stationary bike.

He also comes back to the gym during his lunch hour to lift weights, which he said helps release stress.

"I go back to work refreshed," he said.

So far, Mr. Walton has burned 1.4 million calories. He has visited the center more than 1,300 times, since it implemented the key tag system in December 2003.

He has also accumulated more than 5,000 miles in the Moccasin Trail Program, which he joined in October 2004. The health promotion, exercise and nutrition program at the center develops mentoring and incentives to encourage increased physical activity for overall health. In the program, 20 minutes of exercise is equivalent to one mile.

Steve Walton

The biggest thing that has helped Mr. Walton stay on track is the fact that the center opens at 5:30 a.m.

"Mornings are really terrific, there are hardly any interruptions," he said.

Mr. Walton, who likes to keep track of his workouts to check his progress, has a goal of burning 15,000 calories every month. He has done it for 91 straight months, he said.

He also said that the center staff always keeps him motivated.

"They tell me I am doing a good job and give me tips on staying healthy," he said.

Mr. Walton encourages everyone to exercise and eat healthy.

"It really pays off," he said. "Compared to 10 years ago, I have a lot more stamina and I feel like I am in my early 30s."

Besides working out at the center, Walton also coaches softball and does a lot of yard work to stay active.

Ada Wellness Manager Melinda Ward said it was "amazing" that Walton has kept track of his progress at the center.

"He is the most dedicated Chickasaw citizen and employee we have ever had as a member of the Wellness Center," Mrs. Ward said. "He is a role model and inspiration for all of us."

Walton lives in Ada with his wife Tammy. They have been married 26 years and have three daughters and a grandson.

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Ladies learn makeup and more at 'Look Good...Feel Better'

Shawna McCarty, right, helps Ardmore resident Rebecca Holmes apply eye makeup at the "Look Good … Feel Better" event at Carl Albert Indian Health Facility in Ada on May 3.

ADA, Okla. - Nyokia Ware always told her sister Susan Clinton "you are not the only one."

Ms. Clinton, a 67-year-old Ada resident, was diagnosed with lung cancer in January 2010.

On May 3, Ms. Clinton met other female cancer patients at Carl Albert Indian Health Facility. The ladies learned makeup techniques and shared personal stories.

The program, hosted by the Chickasaw Nation Division of Health Specialty Clinic, is "Look Good … Feel Better."

Ms. Ware, who accompanied her sister to the event, said the program gave patients "strength."

And that, said facilitator Maelisa Hunter, is exactly what the program intends to do,

"It's about building connections and not feeling like I am the only one," she said.

Mrs. Hunter, who owns the Renaissance Salons in Ada and Coalgate, has been offering the program for the last five years. This was the first time she offered it in "such a big setting."

Teaching patients how to do their makeup and hair is a priority for Mrs. Hunter, along with cosmetologist Jordana Alvarez and aesthetician Shawna McCarty. The ladies also shared ideas for hair gear for those without hair, plus tips on keeping skin healthy. Participants also received a bag of makeup items.

"What they take away from this is not just about makeup," Mrs. Hunter said. "It's about who they are inside and the ability for them to get together with other people who have the same problems."

Debra Gilbert agrees.

The 29-year-old Wade resident said it was "great to see other cancer patients and hear their stories."

Mrs. Gilbert, who was diagnosed with cervical cancer in September 2009, said the disease had been hardest on her two sons, especially after she lost her hair to chemotherapy.

"They don't understand why mommy is always tired," she said.

Specialty Clinic nurse Angel Hatton provided the patients with information and resources available to cancer patients through various organizations, including a journal, guidebook, gas card and more.

Mrs. Hatton said she hoped the program would not only increase awareness about the resources but also inspire similar programs at the hospital.

For Mrs. Hunter, it is all about building the patients' self confidence.

Debra Gilbert, 29, of Wade, applies makeup at the "Look Good … Feel Better" event at Carl Albert Indian Health Facility in Ada on May 3.

"Cancer is just a step and they are going to get past it," she said. "That little bag of makeup sometimes is the reason why some people get out."

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About Look Good … Feel Better:

"Look Good … Feel Better" is a free, non-medical, product-neutral program offered jointly by American Cancer Society, the National Cosmetology Association and The Personal Care Products Council Foundation. For more information call 1-800-395-LOOK or visit www.lookgoodfeelbetter.org.

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Chickasaw Citizen

Magan Kile, diagnosed at 7, stays 'on the go'

Type 1 diabetes patient named Diabetes Association Youth Ambassador

Magan Kile

First diagnosed with Type 1 diabetes at age 7, Magan Kile never let the disease slow her down.

This 16-year-old sophomore from Roff, Okla., who plays softball and is a youth leader at her local church, will soon add speaking engagements to her already active life.

Magan was recently named the 2010 Youth Ambassador by the American Diabetes Association (ADA) of Western Oklahoma. She will share her story about living with diabetes at various ADA events throughout the state.

"I try to do everything that a normal teenager would do," Magan said. "But I do have to stop and take my blood sugar often."

Magan is a Chickasaw Nation Division of Health patient. She also said she gets a lot of support from her family and friends.

"They tell me it could be worse or it could be something that I couldn't live with," Magan said.

She will also serve as a spokesperson for ADA fundraising events: Tour de Cure, The Xs and Os Ball and Step Out. Magan will also greet new families at Family Link Network, an outreach program that brings together families of children with diabetes

"I want to tell other kids that you can have a normal life with diabetes," Magan said.

She also plans on a medical career to increase awareness about diabetes.

Cindy Kile, Magan's mother, said that after Magan was diagnosed with diabetes, the family went to sugar-free mode instantaneously. This included not wanting Magan's brothers to have candy in front of her.

However, looking back, Cindy now encourages others to introduce the changes slowly.

Other changes in the family included having healthy snacks around and counting carbohydrates.

The family also started collecting information about diabetes and Magan participated in the Annual Chickasaw Nation Diabetes Camp when she was 10, she said. The camp educates patients on preventive measures to help control their blood sugar through proper nutrition and exercise.

Mrs. Kile also said it was through the Diabetes Care Center at Carl Albert Indian Health Facility that she learned about ADA's Family Link.

Jennifer Houchins, Executive Director of ADA Western Oklahoma, in a statement, said, "Magan serves as a terrific example of how diabetes does not have to be a debilitating disease but how individuals can have full and active lives."

Magan is the daughter of Steve and Cindy Kile. She has two brothers, Atlee, 21, and Kord, 19.

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Scholarship open for Indian students seeking public health degree

Native American students interested in obtaining a master's degree in public health and conducting breast cancer research are encouraged to apply to the Program in American Indian Community Health (PAICH) at the University of Kansas Medical Center.

The PAICH is offering scholarships to American Indian and Alaska Native students and the deadline to apply is July 1, 2010.

The scholarship, funded by the Susan G. Komen for the Cure, requires the student to be enrolled in the KU-MPH program. It provides full tuition and fees, a paid research assistantship, professional development and use of a laptop.

Scholarship renewal is based on satisfactory academic status and progression toward degree completion. As part of the degree requirement, students will be expected to conduct a breast cancer research under a faculty mentorship.

Students must satisfy the following requirements for consideration:

Successful completion of a bachelor's degree from an accredited institution with a 3.0 GPA on a 4.0 scale

Submission of a complete KU Graduate School application

Submission of a complete KU-MPH application

A personal statement

A resume / CV

Two official copies of all undergraduate and graduate transcripts

Standardized test scores less than seven years old (GRE, GMAT, LSAT, DAT, MCAT or USMLE Steps 1 and 2)

One semester of college algebra or calculus

Three letters of recommendation with recommendation forms

A $35 application fee made payable to KUMC

All materials must be sent to Dr. Christine Makosky-Daley at University of Kansas Medical Center, Department of Preventive Medicine and Public Health, MS 1008, 3901 Rainbow Blvd., Kansas City, KS 66160.

For more information, contact Darryl Monteau, Education Manager, PAICH at 913-945-7098 or dmonteau@kumc.edu.

About Susan G. Komen For the Cure: The Komen Foundation is a nonprofit organization that funds breast cancer research and educates women about breast health, screening and treatment.

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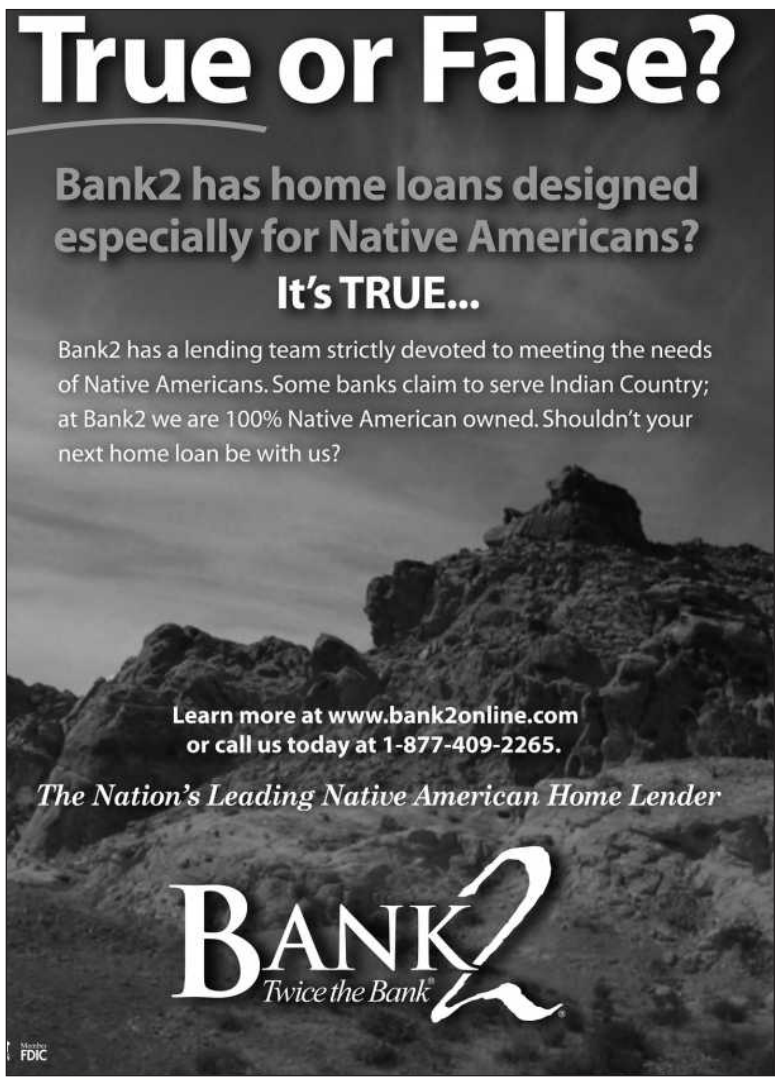
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Ada Family Life/Wellness Center, 229 W. Seabrook
June 9: 10 a.m. and noon
June 16: 10 a.m. and noon
June 17: 6 p.m.
July 14: 10 a.m. and noon
July 21: 10 a.m. and noon
July 22: 6 p.m.
For more information, call (580) 272-5506.

Ardmore Nutrition Services, 2350 Chickasaw Blvd.
June 8: 10 a.m. and noon
June 9: 10 a.m. and noon
June 15: 10 a.m. and noon
June 16: 10 a.m. and noon
July 13: 10 a.m. and noon
July 14: 10 a.m. and noon
July 20: 10 a.m. and noon
July 21: 10 a.m. and noon
For more information, call (580) 226-8289.

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June 8: 10 a.m., noon and 7 p.m.
June 10: 10 a.m. and noon
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July 13: 10 a.m., noon and 7 p.m.
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July 22: 10 a.m. and noon
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CHICKASAW HEALTH INFORMATION CENTER

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Located in the main lobby of Carl Albert Indian Health Facility, the Chickasaw Health Information Center (CHIC) is a free online health information center for patients, family members and staff. The center is equipped with computers and one kiosk with Internet access to the National Library of Medicine (NLM) databases. The goal of CHIC is to assist patients in making informed health choices, and to encourage patients to actively participate in their health care. The NLM website has information on medical diagnosis, medications, prevention, the latest medical research and published medical articles. Also included is information on the "Speak Up" Program which is a national campaign to encourage patients to be informed and take an active role in communicating with their health care team.

Visit www.chicresources.net

Chickasaw Nation WIC program seeks comments

The Chickasaw Nation is soliciting comments from individuals regarding the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC). Input is needed for development of the state plan of operation for the 2011 fiscal year. These comments must be received by July 30, 2010.

WIC is a federally-funded nutrition, education and supplemental food program for pregnant and breastfeeding women, as well as infants and children up to age five, who are determined to be at nutritional risk and whose income falls below 185 percent of the poverty level. The Chickasaw Nation WIC program currently serves approximately 3,900 women, infants and children throughout the 13-county area.

Comments regarding the WIC program may be mailed to Melinda Newport, RD/LD, Nutrition Services Director, P.O. Box 1548, Ada, OK 74820, or phone (580) 436-7255 or toll free (888) 436-7255.

For more information about receiving WIC program services, call (580) 436-7255 or Debi Tipton at (580) 310-6420. In accordance with Federal law and U.S. Department of Agriculture policy, this institution is prohibited from discriminating on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, age or disability.

Rabies clinics scheduled at Achille, Connerville, Tish, Madill, Enos

Native American pet owners are invited to bring their cats and dogs for a free vaccination at the free rabies clinics planned for 10 a.m. to noon Thursdays this month.

Locations are as follows
June 3
Achille Senior Site
June 10
Connerville Senior Site
June17
Tishomingo Community Center
June 24
Madill Senior Site
July 1
Enos Community Center

The clinics are sponsored by the Chickasaw Nation Community Health Representatives (CHR) program and vaccines will be administered by local veterinarians.

Participants should bring their pets and their CDIB card.

For more information, contact Particia Wood at (580) 622-2888.

CONTRIBUTED BY Carrie Buckley, tribal media relations.

Elder case manager ready to help you

Are you a Chickasaw Elder age 60 or older? Do you live within the tribal boundaries?

If so, call Lori Dodson, Elder Case Manager at 800-851-9136 ext. 80110 for personalized assistance navigating the Health System.

Health At-Large case manager will assist

Are you a Chickasaw citizen living outside the tribal boundaries? Would you like more information on division of health programs and services available to you?

If so, call Amy Wampler, Services At-Large Case Manager, at 800-851-9136 ext. 61097.

Full-time positions open at the Chickasaw Nation Health System

The Chickasaw Nation Health System has full-time, immediate openings within the tribal boundaries for qualified medical personnel in the following specialties:

- 1 General Surgeon, Ada
- Nurse Practitioner or Physician Assistant, Ardmore

For details on any of the professional positions listed above, please contact:

Ronnie Shaw, Professional Recruiter
Chickasaw Nation Health System
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AGENDA ITEM #1 CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Chairperson Holly Easterling called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

AGENDA ITEM #2 ROLL CALL

Members present: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Steve Woods, Holly Easterling

Members absent: Shana Hammond, David Woerz

Staff present: Doretta Sellers, Recording Secretary, Harold Stick, Sergeant-At-Arms, Robert Cheadle, Legislative Counsel

Guests present: Michael Watson, Wilma P. Stout Watson, Michael L. Wingo, Dana Lance, Ashley Large, Rita Loder, Jennifer Owens, Tony Choate

AGENDA ITEM #3 INVOCATION

Invocation was given by Ms. Green.

AGENDA ITEM #4 READING OF MINUTES - March 19, 2010

A motion was made by Mrs. Alexander and seconded by Ms. Green to approve the minutes.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Steve Woods, Holly Easterling

11 yes votes

The motion to approve the minutes of March 19, 2010, carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM #5: UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

AGENDA ITEM #6: REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE REPORT by Committee Chair Steve Woods

No report.

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT by Committee Chair Linda Briggs

General Resolution Number 27-019, Approval of Development Budget Amendment

(Paoli Travel Plaza and Gaming Center)

This resolution amends the Development Budget to construct a 16,000 square foot facility in Paoli to house the Travel Plaza and Gaming Center. The project will include the expansion of the necessary infrastructure to support the facility by adding a sewer force main(s) and sewer lines connecting the planned facility to the city of Paoli's sewer system. The total project cost will be $5,450,000.00.

A motion was made by Ms. Briggs and seconded by Ms. Green to approve GR27-019.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Steve Woods, Holly Easterling

11 yes votes

The motion to approve GR27-019 carried unanimously.

Ms. Briggs concluded her report.

HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE REPORT by Committee Chair Dean McManus

General Resolution Number 27-020, Gubernatorial Appointment to the Board of Directors Of Global Gaming Solutions, LLC, Mr. Brian Gabbard

This resolution approves Governor Bill Anoatubby's appointment of Mr. Brian Gabbard to the Board of Directors of Global Gaming Solutions, LLC, to fill an unexpired term of office ending on March 1, 2013. Mr Gabbard will fill a seat vacated by Brian Campbell.

A motion was made by Ms. McManus and seconded by Ms. Briggs to approve GR27-020.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Steve Woods, Holly Easterling

11 yes votes

The motion to approve GR27-020 carried unanimously.

General Resolution 27-021, Gubernatorial Appointment to the Board of Directors Of RSE Enterprises, Inc., Mr. Brian Gabbard

This resolution approves Governor Bill Anoatubby's appointment of Mr. Brian Gabbard to the Board of Directors of RSE Enterprises, Inc. Mr. Gabbard will fill a three-year unexpired term of office ending on March 1, 2013.

A motion was made by Ms. Briggs and seconded by Ms. Green to approve GR27-021.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Steve Woods, Holly Easterling

11 yes votes

The motion to approve GR27-021 carried unanimously.

General Resolution Number GR27-022, Application for the U.S. Department of Justice Geospatial Technology Grant

The fiscal year 2011 cycle of Geospatial Technology Solicitation grants has been released. An award in the amount of $439,069 is available without any matching requirement. The grant would provide funding for mobile mapping and field collection capability built into the computer-aided dispatch process and field response. Currently jurisdictional questions arise on the scene of a crime creating confusion as to which agency has proper authority to apply needed police service (effect an arrest, take a report, respond to a crime, etc.). This new technology will allow Lighthorse officers to determine jurisdictional boundaries between multiple overlapping agencies when deployed in the field increasing the effectiveness and responsiveness of tribal law enforcement.

A motion was made by Ms. McManus and seconded by Ms. Briggs to approve GR27-022.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Steve Woods, Holly Easterling

11 yes votes

The motion to approve GR27-022 carried unanimously.

Ms. McManus concluded her report.

LAND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT by Committee Chair David Woerz

Mr. Woods gave the Land Development Committee Report in the absence of the Committee Chair.

General Resolution Number 27-023, Authorization for Acquisition of Real Property in Johnston County

This Resolution approves the Chickasaw Nation's request to acquire real property in Tishomingo, Johnston County, Oklahoma. This is an addition to the Capitol properties.

A motion was made by Mr. Woods and seconded by Ms. Green to approve GR27-023.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Steve Woods, Holly Easterling

11 yes votes

The motion to approve GR27-023 carried unanimously.

General Resolution Number 27-024, Authorization for Acquisition of Real Property in Murray County

This Resolution approves the Chickasaw Nation's request to acquire real property in Sulphur, Murray County, Oklahoma, as an addition to the Artesian property.

A motion was made by Mr. Woods and seconded by Ms. Barker to approve GR27-024.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Steve Woods, Holly Easterling

11 yes votes

The motion to approve GR27-024 carried unanimously.

Mr. Woods concluded his report.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORT by Committee Chair Mary Jo Green

No report.

HEALTH CARE COMMITTEE REPORT by Committee Chair Connie Barker

No report.

HISTORICAL AND CULTURAL COMMITTEE REPORT by Committee Chair Scott Colbert

No report.

(H) ELECTION RULES AND REGULATIONS AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORT by Committee Chair Steve Woods

Permanent Resolution Number 27-004, Amendments to Title 8, Chapter 3 Section 8-301 of the Chickasaw Nation Code (Eligibility to Vote, Application for Registration)

This resolution amends Section 8-301 of the Chickasaw Nation Code regarding voter eligibility. The new language will require new Chickasaw voters to have previously been issued a tribal citizenship card. The resolution was received by the Legislative office on March 31, one day before the deadline provided by Paragraph 16-205.B.2 of the Chickasaw Nation Code.

A motion was made by Mr. Woods and seconded by Ms. Briggs to approve PR27-004.

Mrs. Alexander expressed that she was not comfortable in making changes in the rules before an election. She questioned the time frame the resolution was

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General Resolution Number 27-025

Authorization for Acquisition of Real Property in Pontotoc County

Explanation: This Resolution approves the Chickasaw Nation's request to acquire real property in Pontotoc County Oklahoma, described as:

The S/2 SW/4 NE/4 and the SE/4, LESS AND EXCEPT a tract deeded to the State of Oklahoma, described as follows: Beginning at the Northeast corner of NE/4 SE/4; thence S 01° 02' 14" E along the East line of NE/4 SE/4 a distance of 446.37 feet; thence S 89° 05' 06" W a distance of 45.30 feet; thence N 22° 42' 59" W a distance of 107.70 feet; thence N 00° 54' 54" W a distance of 250.00 feet; thence N 10° 00' 19" W a distance of 97.97 feet to point on North line of NE/4 SE/4; thence N 89° 17' 41" E a distance of 99.83 feet to the point of beginning, containing 0.84 acres, all in Section 27, Township 4 North, Range 8 East of the Indian Meridian, Pontotoc County, Oklahoma. Containing a total of 178.83 acres, more or less.

Property Location: Pontotoc County
Use: Additional to Kullihoma
Purpose: Self-determination/Economic Development
Presented by: Land Development Committee
As amended

Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Holly Easterling

General Resolution Number 27-026

Gubernatorial Appointment to the Board of Directors of Global Gaming Solutions, LLC

(Clay Jack)

Explanation: This resolution approves Governor Bill Anoatubby's appointment of Mr. Clay Jack to the Board of Directors of Global Gaming Solutions, LLC. Mr. Jack will fill a new seat on the Board of Directors thereby increasing the number of directors from three to four. Mr. Jack will fill an unexpired three-year term ending on May 1, 2013.

Mr. Jack's Vita is attached hereto.

Presented by: Human Resources Committee
To table

Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, David Woerz, Holly Easterling

No votes: Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Steve Woods

General Resolution Number 27-027

Gubernatorial Appointment to the Board of Directors of Global Gaming Solutions, LLC

(Frank Johnson, Jr.)

Explanation: This resolution approves Governor Bill Anoatubby's appointment of Mr. Frank Johnson, Jr. to the Board of Directors of Global Gaming Solutions, LLC. Mr. Johnson will fill a new seat on the Board of Directors thereby increasing the number of directors from four to five. Mr. Johnson will fill an unexpired three-year term ending on April 15, 2010.

Mr. Johnson's Vita is attached hereto.

Presented by: Human Resources Committee

Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, David Woerz, Holly Easterling

No votes: Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Steve Woods

General Resolution Number 27-028

Approval of Application for Funding

Family Violence Prevention and Services

Explanation: This resolution approves the Chickasaw Nation's application for federal funding to the United States Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families, for the continuation of the Family Violence Prevention and Services project up to and including the FY2013 funding cycle. With the funds from the grant, the Chickasaw Nation is able to assist clients with relocating costs associated with leaving an abusive situation. This can include assistance with housing rental costs and deposit plus utility deposits for housing, household items, bedding, beds, dinettes, kitchen items, clothing, transportation tickets to locate services or employment and groceries. The grant also allows the Chickasaw Nation to provide crisis counseling, safety planning and education regarding domestic violence, assistance with protective orders and facilitate a weekly support group, "Spirit Circle." The Chickasaw Nation also makes many referrals to tribal and non-tribal agencies to assist with emergency shelter, legal and other needs. This grant serves Native American and non-Native American victims.

Presented by: Human Resources Committee

Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Holly Easterling

General Resolution Number 27-029

Application for Grants under the U.S. Department of Justice Coordinated Tribal Assistance Solicitation

Explanation: The Department of Justice has issued a request for proposal for the 2011 grant cycle. This Coordinated Tribal Solicitation calls for an overall proposal that includes all grants requested from the Department of Justice. The proposal will include four purpose areas: Community Oriented Policing (COPS) – Tribal Resources Grant Program, Indian Alcohol and Substance Abuse Prevention Program (IASAP), Tribal Government Program (TGP) and Tribal Youth Program (TYP). The COPS grant will provide funding for 800 MHZ IntelliRepeater equipment to increase communications capabilities in the southern part of the Chickasaw Nation. The IASAP will provide funding for expanded criminal intelligence capacity to include prescription drugs and alcohol. The TGP will provide funding for the operation of the domestic violence shelter. The TYP will provide funding to engage at-risk girls under 18 years in positive behaviors.

Presented by: Human Resources Committee

Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Holly Easterling

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submitted, and felt there was a conflict in the definition. For these reasons she would not support the resolution. Chairperson Easterling explained the resolution did meet the requirements of the law.

Members voting yes: Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Steve Woods, Holly Easterling

9 yes votes

Member voting no: Beth Alexander

1 no vote

Member abstaining: Katie Case

1 abstention

The motion to approve PR27-004 carried.

Mr. Woods concluded his report.

AGENDA ITEM #7 NEW BUSINESS (Comments from Citizens)

Announcements were made regarding Elders day at Kullihoma and the Legislative and Judicial buildings' ribbon cutting ceremony next Monday.

Mr. Mike Watson commented on Chickasaw spouses applying for jobs and not being called for interviews, the eye glass program, the burial assistance program, and a management trainee program. He also addressed the Election Rules and Regulations.

Chairperson Easterling announced the annual budget presentation would be in June. The date would be announced at a later time.

AGENDA ITEM #8 ADJOURNMENT

The Legislative Session adjourned at 9:29 a.m.

Respectfully submitted, Linda Briggs, Secretary
Chickasaw Legislative Department
Prepared by: Doretta Sellers, Recording Secretary
Chickasaw Legislative Department

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Education Committee
May 10, 2010
Present: Mary Jo Green, Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Shana Hammond, Holly Easterling

Finance Committee
May 17, 2010
Present: Linda Briggs, Scott Colbert, Nancy Elliott, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Holly Easterling
Absent: Shana Hammond

Health Care Committee
May 10, 2010
Present: Beth Alexander, Katie Case, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Holly Easterling
Absent: Connie Barker

Human Resources Committee
May 10, 2010
Present: Dean McManus, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Mary Jo Green, David Woerz, Holly Easterling
Absent: Connie Barker

Land Development Committee
May 10, 2010
Present: David Woerz, Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Mary Jo Green, Steve Woods, Holly Easterling
Absent: Connie Barker

Legislative Committee
May 10, 2010
Present: Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Holly Easterling, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, David Woerz, Steve Woods
Absent: Connie Barker, Tim Colbert

Committee of the Whole Meeting
May 17, 2010
Present: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Holly Easterling
Absent: Shana Hammond

Overton Martin 'Buck' Cheadle

Proud to represent his Chickasaw and Oklahoma heritage, Overton Martin "Buck" Cheadle, lived his life as an example of the values of his heritage. Born near Milburn, Oklahoma, on January 6, 1919, the son of Tom and Mary Ethel Cheadle, and the grandson of Martin Van Buren and Mary Vera Cheadle, Overton knew from an early age that hard work and helping other people were the basis of his life. He grew up on the family's land on the Blue River between Tishomingo and Milburn, Oklahoma. He left this world on May 13, 2010, at Ada, Oklahoma. He is buried at Condon Grove Cemetery between Tishomingo and Milburn.

A physically strong young man, he excelled at athletics, particularly baseball and basketball, and at the age of fourteen, he left home to attend Chilocco Indian School. Chilocco teams traveled the plains defeating much larger schools with Overton Cheadle as captain of his teams. The rigors of Chilocco challenged his mind and he took full advantage of his education, having recognized the importance of an education to accomplish his life goals. He then earned athletic scholarships to Murray State College, 1939 - 1941, Oklahoma City University, 1941 - 1942 and Oklahoma Teachers College, (now the University of Central Oklahoma), 1942 - 1943 where he graduated with a teaching degree. He later earned a Masters' Degree in guidance and counseling from the Illinois Institute of Technology in 1968.

In baseball, Overton was drafted by the Chicago Cubs in 1940; however, World War II sidelined that career opportunity and Overton joined the U.S. Navy. While in the Navy, Overton "pushed boots" and rehabilitated sailors wounded in service. He also played on the Navy athletic teams.

After serving his country, he returned to Oklahoma to teach and coach in Marlow where his son Robert Martin was born. Leaving Oklahoma for Iowa in 1947, Overton began to be known as "Buck," a nickname provided by the people of Roland, Iowa, a moniker to symbolize his Native heritage, and personify his square-jawed, strong and quiet persona. Much like the movie "Hoosiers," Coach Buck Cheadle made headlines all over the country when the team from tiny Roland, the Rockets, lead by their star Gary Thompson, electrified the state with their winning ways. Gary Thompson went on to become an All-American at Iowa State University, a professional player with the Phillips Sixty Sixers, a basketball announcer and an author. In his book Gary Thompson, All American, Thompson graciously stated that coach Cheadle made him the player he was and the person he became.

Robert was joined by siblings Thomas Clark, Maryalice and Ruth Elizabeth while living in Iowa. Buck did not let the demands of coaching and teaching interfere with the responsibility and joy of being a father to all four children. The children benefitted from their father's conviction that education and hard work would provide a good life. He coached many of his sons' teams and was able to bring a team back to Oklahoma to play in the Colt League World Series in 1963. Beside his son Robert on the team and son Thom as batboy, the team included Gene Lamont who later became a successful major league player, coach and manager.

Mr. Cheadle retired from coaching in Pekin, Iowa, in 1974, the year he married his loving wife Helen. He retired from guidance and counseling at East Central University, Ada, Oklahoma, in 1984, where he had been the Indian Counselor for 10 years. He was recognized by the State of Iowa when he was inducted into the Iowa High School Coaches Hall of Fame in 1984. He was inducted into the Chilocco Indian School Hall of Fame in 1984, the first individual to be so recognized, and the Chickasaw Nation Hall of Fame in 1994. He was also inducted into the Iowa State Hall of Pride in 2004.

Mr. Cheadle served the Chickasaw Nation in many capacities both during and after his teaching and coaching careers. He was a member of the Tribal Council, 1975 - 1979 and was elected as Legislator, 1979 - 1986. He was Chairperson of the Chickasaw Tribal Legislature for three years. He served on the Carl Albert Indian Hospital Governing Board until his death.

Overton is survived by his loving wife Helen who gave him unending love and support throughout their marriage; son Robert and wife Darlene, Ada, Oklahoma; daughter Maryalice and Doug Gaskell, Chantilly, Virginia; daughter Liz Nelson, Willmar, Minnesota; sister Julia Byrd, Ada, Oklahoma; sister Frances Bean, Wayland, Iowa; five grandchildren, one great-grandchild and many nieces, nephews and cousins. He was preceded in death by his parents, three sisters and his son Thom.

Chickasaw Honor Guard served as pall bearers and bestowed the military honors.

Please consider honoring Mr. Cheadle by assisting a scholarship fund in his name established by the Chickasaw Foundation.

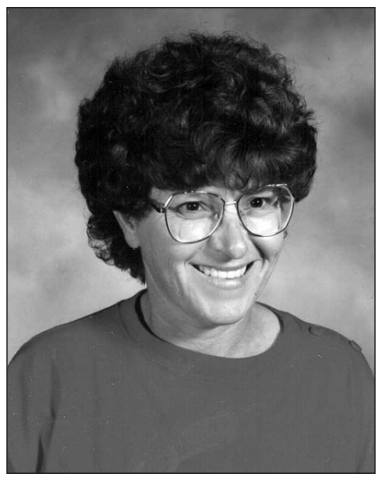
Note of Thanks

The Cheadle family sends a sincere Thank You to all those tribal departments and individuals who have assisted us with their thoughts, prayers, donations and labors for the passing of our husband and father Overton "Buck" Cheadle.

We especially thank those who have donated to the memorial scholarship established by the Chickasaw Foundation.

Yakoke!!

Retha (Kirby) Cravatt



Retha Shirlene (Kirby) Cravatt, 60, died April 29, 2010 at Ada, Okla. Services were May 3, at Midway Hill Baptist Church, Sulphur, Okla., with Pastor Willard McCartney, Jr., officiating. Interment was at Oaklawn Cemetery.

Mrs. Cravatt was born April 26, 1950 to Sood Buffalo and Lena Mozell (Browning) Kirby at Sulphur.

She grew up in Sulphur and graduated from Sulphur High School. She retired from the Oklahoma School for the Deaf where she served as house parent. She was an elder of the Chickasaw Nation. She loved her family and enjoyed playing scrabble with her children and grandchildren. She also enjoyed collecting angels, bird watching and going to garage sales.

She was preceded in death by her parents; sisters, Betty Kirby and Berva Wilson; and a brother, David Kirby.

She is survived by a daughter, Stormy Busby, of Davis, Okla.; sons, Lee Cravatt and wife, Shanda, of Ada and Sood Cravatt, of Kansas; brothers, Joe Kirby, of California and Jack Kirby, of Sulphur; a sister, Sue Dean Grantham, of Stratford, Okla., Margaret "Sissy" Dickie, of Oklahoma City, Reta Fires, of Sulphur, Sharon Garrison, of Mill Creek, Okla., Karen White, of Sulphur and Jana Eldred, of Oklahoma City; grandchildren, Sasha Pierce and husband, Michael, Morgan Keck, Patrick Cravatt, Darian Cravatt and Paisley Cravatt; and dear friend, Jr. Norton.

Pallbearers were her nephews: Luke White, Jason Fires, Ty Del Warden, George Dean Grantham, Willy Grantham and Charlie Norton. Honorary bearers were her grandchildren and Jr. Norton.

Charlotte Love Edgar

Charlotte Love Edgar, 79, died May 20, 2010. She was born May 31, 1930 at Chickasha, Okla., to Robert I. Odoms and Daisy B. Holder-Odoms.

She is survived by the love of her life and husband of 60 years and 1 day, James D. Edgar. Together they had one daughter, Jamie Little, of Yukon, Okla.; two grandchildren, Jason Little and wife, ReAnna, of Yukon, and Matt Little and wife, Carrie, of Broken Arrow; one great-granddaughter, her cherished namesake, Jacy Love Little.

She was very much loved and will be greatly missed.

A private family ceremony has been conducted.

Note of Thanks

The family of Retha (Kirby) Cravatt would like to thank all of our family and friends for their kindess, food, flowers and prayers during the loss of our Mother, Nana and Sister.

We would especially like to thank the staff at Carl Albert Indian Health Facility, The Chickasaw Nation, Hale's Krien Funeral Home, HealthBack, Chopper McCartney, Midway Hill Baptist Church and Barbara's Flowers. We really appreciate everything you did.

Stormy Busby, Sasha and Morgan,

Sood, Patrick and Darian Cravatt

Lee, Shanda and Paisley Cravatt

The Kirby Family

Jr. Norton

Susan D. Hancock

Susan D. Hancock, 51, died May 8, 2010 at Durant, Okla. Services were May 11 at Victory Life Chapel, Durant with Pastor Lee Armstrong officiating. Burial followed in Garden of Memories, Colbert, Okla.

She was born March 27, 1959 at Dallas to Tommy Joe Stewart and Anne Lucille Stewart Hagan.

She was a member of Victory Life Church where she served as a Care Pastor. She previously served in the children's church, media, food bank and other areas. She was head of the Women's Prison Ministry.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Lucille Stewart Hagan and Tommy Joe Stewart; husband, Ronney Kinslow; great-nieces, Hollie Marie, Rylie Anne, Marlie Nicole Vitalec.

She is survived by her sisters, Denise and husband, Bob Stout, of Cartwright, Okla., and Lisa Stewart, of Temple, Texas; a brother, Ric and Mandy Flanagan, of Roanoke, Texas; sister, Tracy and Paul Fields, of Grapevine, Texas; mom, Jean Stewart, of Hawkins, Texas; and nieces, Rebecca and husband, Stephen Vitalec, of Fort Worth, and Sheri Stewart, of Hawkins; and numerous other relatives and friends.

Pallbearers were Scott Palmer, Jordan White, Mick Knight, Gary O'Neal, Sam Cruz and Rodger Franks.

Jimmy E. Holt, Jr.

Jimmy E. Holt died Jan. 19, 2010 with his son at his bedside and family near in Sacramento, Calif. Formerly of Stockton, Calif., he was laid to rest next to his mother in the Pioneer Cemetery, Lodi, Calif., north of Stockton. He was born Aug. 28, 1934 at Chickasha, Okla., to Jimmy Sr., and Francis Conder-Holt. His father was stationed in the U.S. Army at California and his mother followed with Jimmy at age nine and his younger sister and brother to make their home there.

Mr. Holt attended the California School System and did well and excelled at sports. He attended Stockton Junior College and played football on the 1952 Big 7 Championship Team, which was later inducted into the Stockton Athletic Hall of Fame.

After junior college he entered the U.S. Army and served in Korea. Shortly after his enlistment he married his college sweetheart, Janet, the mother of his four children. He was honorably discharged from the service in 1953 and returned to a one-year scholarship at College of Pacific, Stockton. He finished his education at Sacramento State College in 1959 while working as a psychiatric technician and serving as quarterback for the college team where he set many records. He was well known for his ability to get the most out of a day and to get the job done.

He began his 29-year teaching career at a junior high school in Sacramento for the first year, then went on to teach and coach in a variety of sports (football, swimming, tennis, track and basketball). He had many winning teams in Sacramento, Visalia, Lodi and retired from Amos Alonso Stagg High School, Stockton. Coaching and sports were truly his life and he always went the extra mile to help a student, a true expression of his giving in the fullest sense, he touched the lives of many students. But it was the love of his family which brought him his greatest joy. He built three homes, working and learning the trades along side the contractors. He loved learning and was a hands on kid of guy. He was not only a builder of homes, but a builder of our youth. All of his children played competitive sports and he was there. Family time was his best time; camping, travel, and TV football games.

He was an avid tennis player and became a Master Golf in his retirement taking time to travel to various PGA golf tournaments adding to his collection of signatures as he met the "Giants of Golf."

He visited family in Chickasha and did research on the tribe he loved. He never forgot his earlier life in Chickasha. As an athlete he was known as "Coyote" by his team-mates later he became "Coach". I call him "Brother".

He is survived by a son, Russell; three daughters, Debra, Gayle and Rhonda; six grandchildren; a sister, Linda; a brother, Larry; and extended family members and friends.

We take comfort in knowing that he has gone home to be with the Lord.

Mary Jo (Gribi) Pettit

Mary Jo (Gribi) Pettit, 82, of Fort Worth, Texas died Feb. 11, 2010 at Doylestown, Pa. She was born Sept. 23, 1927 to Sam G. and Mary Lee (Johnson) Gribi at Oklahoma City.

She attended Oklahoma University and was a Kappa Alpha Theta. A U.S. Air Force daughter and wife, she lived many places but settled in Fort Worth in 1963. She worked in the children's department at Neiman-Marcus for 28 years.

Mrs. Pettit was a member of the Junior League and the Fort Worth Garden Club. She was a long time member of the Fort Worth Ladies Golf Association. Bridge became her passion in later years. She joined the American Contract Bridge League where she advanced to the rank of Regional Master with over 400 master-points.

She was preceded in death by her son, Kenneth Charles (Casey) Pettit.

She is survived by her daughter, Mary Lee Reiff and husband, Brian, of Doylestown; a granddaughter, Jennifer Reiff, of Alexandria, Va.; a brother John Gribi, of Corpus Christi, Texas; and many dear friends in Fort Worth.

Always proud of her Chickasaw heritage, in lieu of flowers, contributions in Mary Jo (Gribi) Pettit's name would be appreciated to Americans for Native Americans, a non-profit organization that provides food, clothing, and education supplies for Native Americans in need. A.N.A, P.O. Box 490, Doylestown, PA 18901

James Harold Phillips, Jr.

James Harold Phillips, Jr., 46, of Konawa, Okla., died May 24, 2010 at Carl Albert Indian Hospital, Ada, Okla. Services were May 27 at the P.A.C. Building, Konawa with Rev. Pam Shirk officiating. Burial followed in Vamoosa Cemetery, Vamoosa, Okla.

Mr. Phillips was born may 22, 1964 at Lawton, Okla., to James H. Phillips, Sr., and Betty Sue (Hisaw) Phillips at Lawton, Okla.

He was a 1982 graduate of Konawa High School and received an industrial engineering degree in 1987 from East Central University, Ada, Okla., and his teaching certificate in 1993. He taught school and coached at Shawnee (OK) Middle School for 10 years. He taught at Konawa Middle School and he was an assistant coach for track and field.

He married Kimberly Ann (Holman) June 28, 1991 at Ada. He was an avid hunter and fisherman and enjoyed golf and truly enjoyed the great outdoors. He loved coaching and was an inspiration to all the students and faculty and to everyone he met. He was a member of the First Methodist Church of Konawa.

He was preceded in death by his paternal grandparents, O.D. and Helen Phillips; maternal grandparents, Ben and Ella Hisaw; uncles, Butch Phillips, Jimmy Miller and Delbert Hisaw; cousins, Teresa and Darrell Miller, Ronald Joe Hisaw and Garland Perry.

He is survived by his wife, Kimberly Phillips, of the home; two sons, Justin Michael Roberts and wife, Linsey and Jarod Kyle Phillips, all of Konawa; his parents, Jim and Betty Phillips; father-in-law and mother-in-law, Kay Trent and LaDonna Holman; two grandchildren, Caleb Pittman and Carleigh Roberts; uncles, Bill Underwood and wife, Angel, of Lewisville, Texas, and Joe Hisaw, of Konawa; aunts, Faye Miller, Ina Grant and husband Doug, Betty Hisaw and Maxine Blanset, all of Ada; and numerous cousins; Uncle Stanley and Aunt Judy Underwood; cousins, Laurie Alexander, Brad Underwood, Doug Underwood, Zach Alexander, Trey Underwood, Dylan and Bailey Underwood, and Mason Underwood. He is also survived by Kim's sisters, Kaylon and Kerri Holman; Kim's nephew, Bret Holman; Kim's mother, Mary Scoggins; and Kim's biological father, David Bradley and wife, Jeri.

In lieu of flowers, the family has requested donations be made to the "Coach Jimmy Phillips" Scholarship. For information, please contact Alice Russell at Central Oklahoma Medical Center (580) 925-3286 ext. 337.